Warrant for Town Meeting April 6th 1846

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vot in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2 To raise money to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the ensuing Year

" 3 To hear a report of the School Committee for the year ending April 1846

" 4th To raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing

" 5th To choose a School Committee for the ensuing Year

" 6th To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the Bell and care of the Town Hall or do any thing respecting the same

" 7th Upon the request of John Merriam Esqr and others to see if the Town will choose a Committee whose duty it shall be to Procure before the proper Tribunals all violations of the Liquor Laws within the limits of this Town or take any action there on.

" 8th Upon the request of P. W. Chamberlain to see if the Town will take measures to procure the removal of the Stone Walls and Fences

Warrant for April Meeting Continued

Art 8th unlawfuly obstructing the Public Highways in the Town. or do any thing respecting the same

" 9th Upon the request of Francis Wilson and others to see if the Town will widen the Road leading from Francis Wilsons to the Road leading from the East School House to Daniel Cummings in Lexington

" 10 Upon the request of Thomas Hurd to see if the Town will permit his Hay Scales to remain where they are now located or do any thing respecting the same

" 11th Upon the request of David Reed to see if the Town will repair the Road leading to the Springs so as safely to accomodate the Land thereto

" 12th To see if the Town will give any instructions in regard to settling a bill from Hannah Lane for Gravel and damage done by the Surveyor in taking Gravel for the repairs of the Carlisle Road (so called) or do any thing respecting the same

" 13th Upon the request of Moses Page 2d to see if the Town will allow William Page and Moses Page 2d to work out their Highway Taxes on the Road leading to their House

" 14 To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing

April 3d Meeting Continued

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Amos Hartwell
John P. Peck
Jona Swan
} Selectmen of Bedford

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

Bedford April 6th 1846

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several Articles contained in said warrant as follows, to wit

1st Chose Geo. Simonds Moderator

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Town Meeting Continued

2 Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing Year $1500.00

3 Heard the report of the School Committee for the year 1845 & 6 Voted to accept the same

4th Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing $600.00

5th Chose Dr. Francis Cogswell
" Abel B. Adams
John P. Reed School Committee
for the ensuing Year

6th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to direct the ringing of the Bell at twelve O'Clock M. and nine O'Clock in the Evening on week days, and on Sundays as usual, and on Fast and Thanksgiving days, and strike the age at the Death of any Individual and Toll the Bell at Funerals. and care of the Town Hall.

7th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 7th Article.

8th Voted to adopt the resolution as presented by Thomas H. Chamberlain. Whereas it appears by the report of a Committee made to the Town at their annual Meeting in March 1845 that certain Persons have Encroached upon the Public Highways in the Town by setting their stone Walls and Fences upon the same without authority as the Committee supposed and Whereas the Town by a vote directed the Selectmen to notify the Persons mentioned in the report of said encroachments and a request that they would remove the same.

April Meeting Continued

And they not having complied with the request.

Therefore Resolved that the intent of the Town require that measures should be taken to procure the removal of such encroachments as shall upon investigation be found to have been placed upon the Public Highways without authority, and that the Selectmen are hereby directed to investigate the merits of the several encroachments set forth in the report above specified and take such action in regard to the same as they shall deem the intent of the Town requires

9th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 9th Article

10th Voted that Thomas Wood pay Six cents per year rent and his Hay Scales remain where they are at the pleasure of the Town

11th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to examine the Road leading to the Springs and make what repairs they think necessary for the convenience and safety of the Public hereafter

12th Voted that the Selectmen under Her Same what they think is the just value of the Grave taken by the Highway Surveyor

13th Voted to lay the 13th article upon the Table

14th Voted to appoint a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town

Chase E Bridge Bacon
William A Stearns
Edward Merritt Auditors

for the year ensuing

April Meeting Continued

The Committee appointed at last March meeting to examine and report at this meeting the condition of the Books & record, and the books and papers in the Office of the Town Clerk, also to report what alterations (if any) is needed for the security and safe keeping of the same, made their report which was accepted and accepted

On motion: Voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Names of Persons liable to do Military duty in the Town of Bedford. May first 1846

Joseph H. Goodwin	George W. Cutler
Daniel B. Pike	James M. Cutler
John D. Billings	George Billings
Elijah W. Means	Levi W. Page
Moses G. Abbott	Benjamin F. Weber
William A. Means	Daniel H. Butters
Amariah Blood	Timothy Dean
Samuel Poss	Daniel Clark
Isaac P. Bacon	Charles Dean
Henry Hosmer	Francis Wilson
Benjamin G. Hosmer	Nathan Tileston
Ebenezer Hayward	Jacob Skinner
Nesbon Jones	Francis Dalpie
Charles Robinson	John M. Hanscomb
John R. Peake	Quincy Dean
Mathew Casey	Josiah W. Crosby
Benjamin Page	Jacob H. Wells
Charles P. Sutton	Elijah Shelton
Henry Goodwin	Edwin Shelton
William C. Pillsbury	Moses Page
Charles P. Robbins	Charles Woods
Lewis Phelps	Hand Sack

Militia Roll continued

Daniel Parker
Mathias Gammell
Constantine Hill
George A. Wilson
Caleb A Hains
Wm H Davis
George Smith
Joshua Jackson
Joseph Hartwell
Moses Brown
Thadeus H. Davis
Helon Sawyer
Miriam L. Dutton
William A Jane
Myranda Dutton
Hiram Farmer
Cyrus L. Scott
Joseph Hartwell 2
Israel L. Grant
Hamen Bacon
Samuel Taylor
William A. Ives
Daniel Reed
Abiam J. Willard
Samuel Wyman
Albert Bacon
Obediah P. Johnson
Nathan P. Watts
Asa Sutherin
George Simonds
John A. Merriam
Josiah D. Gage
Cummings Cutler
William Wilson
Thomas B. Hosmer
Otis H. Brown
John W. Simonds

William Proctor
Asa A. Bacon
Edward Bacon
George Wilson
Merrill Whitcomb
Israel Parkhurst
Isaac Hosmer
Cassius Wiles
Joseph Brown Jr.
Charles Spalding
Henry H Staples
William Wilson
Joseph M. Sutherin
Isaac L. Watts
Thomas Cutler
Cyrus Hapgood
Albert Tuttle
Nathaniel Wilson
Johannes Sawyer
Eldridge James
Amos B. Cutler
Abel L. Monroe
Jonas Putnam
Stephen Haynes
Nelson Haynes
Thomas G. Butters
Albert H. Edwards
Edward G. Davis
Joseph Perkins
Benjamin J. Davis
George Davis
Abner B. Jane
William Clark
William H Cooper
Elias Shelton
Reuben Bacon Jr.
Abel Hunt

Militia Roll Continued

Silas Brooks	Nathaniel C. Cutler
Isaac Hartwell	John H Hanscomb
Charles Hosmer	Nathan C. Reed
Granville Hosmer	Willard H. Wilson
Samuel Clark	Joseph Burton
Edwin P Hosmer	Seth Whitford
Eldridge Hartwell	George W Wilkins
John R. Colling	Elbridge Merriam
Edward Sibley	John E. Merriam
Joseph Fitchpatrick	Asa Mead Jr
William F Frost	Daniel Hill

Amos Hartwell } Appraisers
John P. Reed } of
Jona Bacon } Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clk

Warrant for Town Meeting. June 27th 1846

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty seventh day of June inst. A.D. 1846 at 12 O'Clock M. to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County for the term of five years as provided by law

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of June 1846

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Jona Bacon } of
Bedford

A True Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Bedford June 27th 1846

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses fourteen days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Attest — Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 27th 1816

Agreable to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the following subjects contained in the warrant

1st Chose Jonathan Bacon Moderator

2 For County Register of Deeds the whole number of ballots put in were seventy and were for the following Persons

Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell had 41 ballots
Cabb Hayden of Cambridge had 29 "

One Motion

Voted to Adjourn

A True Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting November 9th 1816

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the ninth day of November next, it being the second Monday of said month, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, for Six Senators for the Middlesex District, and for one Representative to represent District Number four in the Congress of the United States all on one ballot also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden—

Warrant for a November Meeting (Continued)

in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

To act on the following articles of Town Affairs

1st To choose a Moderator

2 To see if the Town will grant any further assistance to Seth James family, when they need are

3 To see if the Town will enlarge the Public Burying Ground, or purchase a new one or do any thing respecting the same

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty seventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Amos Hosmer, Selectmen
John P. Reed, of
Jona Bacon, Bedford

A True Copy, Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

Bedford November 9th 1846

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles, Constable of Bedford

A True Copy, Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Town Meeting November 9th 1846

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the Matters contained in Said Warrant in the following manner viz

The polls was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the District of Middlesex and for one Representation to Represent District number four in the Congress of the United States

On Motion voted that the polls for the above named Officers be kept open till ten O Clock P.M.

On Motion Voted to omit Choosing a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court at this Meeting

On Motion Voted to proceed to Town affairs
1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 Voted to give the Overseers of the Poor Discretionary power concerning the second article

3 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to examine the Public Burying Ground and report at the next March Meeting
Chose Lushin P. Page
Reuben Bacon Esqr
Phineas H. Chamberlain Esqr
} Committee

On Motion of Samuel Sage voted to instruct the Selectmen to remove all encumbrances obstructing the passage to and from the Towns Pound

On Motion voted to Dissolve this Meeting for Town affairs

" " voted to Adjourn till ½ past one O Clock P.M.

November Meeting Continued

Afternoon Session

Town Met agreable to adjournment

The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor is one hundred and forty two and they were for the following Persons viz

For	Isaac Davis of Worcester	Seventy eight	Votes 78
"	George N. Briggs of Pittsfield	thirty three	" 33
"	Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury	twenty seven	" 27
"	Francis Baylies of Taunton	four	" 11

The whole number of Ballots brot in for Lieutenant Governor is one hundred and forty two and they were for the following Persons viz

For	George Wood of Lynn	Seventy eight	Votes 78
"	John Reed of Yarmouth	thirty four	" 311
"	John H. Brewster of Pittsfield	twenty six	" 26
"	Charles W. Moore of Charleston	four	" 11

The whole number of Ballots brot in for Senators were one hundred and forty two and were for the following Persons viz

For	Benjamin Murray of Lexington	Seventy eight	Votes 78
"	Luke Wellington of Ashby	seventy eight	" 78
"	Leonard Thompson of Woburn	Seventy eight	" 78
"	Stephens N. Brown of Lowell	seventy eight	" 78
"	Bradford Russell of Groton	Seventy eight	" 78
"	Alden Leland of Hollistan	seventy eight	" 78
"	Calvin Shepherd jr of Ashland	thirty four	" 311
"	Joseph T. Buckingham of Cambridge	thirty four	" 311
"	Thos A. Knowles of Lowell	thirty four	" 311
"	Thomas Emerson of South Reading	thirty four	" 311
"	Hobart Spencer of Ashby	thirty four	" 311
"	David Heard of Wayland	thirty three	" 33
"	James F. Woodbury of Acton	twenty six	" 26
"	Daniel Goodale of Marlborough	twenty six	" 26
"	James Kimball of Littleton	twenty six	" 26

November Meeting Continued

For	Charles Forster of Somerville	twenty six	votes 26
"	George W. Ward of Lowell	twenty six	" 26
"	Otis Potter of Newton	twenty six	" 26
"	Edward Cutler of Somerville	four	" 4
"	John Hoar of Cambridge	four	" 4
"	Johnson Hardy of Waltham	four	" 4
"	James C. Curtis of Medford	four	" 4
"	Josiah H. Fingman of Reading	four	" 4
"	Isaac A. Wiley of Lowell	four	" 4

The whole number of Ballots brot in for Representative to Congress is one hundred and forty one and were for the following Persons Viz

For	Frederick Robinson of Charlestown	Twenty eight	votes 28
"	John G. Palfrey of Cambridge	thirty four	votes 34
"	James G. Carter of Lancaster	twenty five	" 25
"	Wilder A. Thurston of Lancaster	three	" 3
"	Castalio Hosmer of Bedford	one	" 1

On Motion Voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 28th 1846

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty eighth day of December Inst. at one of the Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth of March 1847

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

. Also to act on the following articles of town affairs viz.

1st To appoint a Moderator

2 To see how the Town will dispose of Said Jackses bill, for the care of Capt. John Reed during his last Sickness which is three Dollars pr day

3 To see if the town will direct the Bell to be Rung to agree with Boston time (or true time).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twelfth day of December in the Year one thousand eight Hundred and forty six

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Jona. Bacon } of Bedford

A True Copy, attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss.

. Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Bedford December 28th 1846

Thomas Stiles } Constable
of Bedford

A True Copy, Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 25th 1846

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the matters contained in said warrant in the following manner viz

The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for one Representative to Represent District number four in the Congress of the United States.

On Motion voted to keep the Poll open till 3 past 3 O Clock

On Motion voted to proceed to Town affairs

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 voted to pay Ward Locke two Dollars pr day for Nursing and one Dollar pr night for watching.

3 voted to have the Bell Rung to agree with Boston time (or true time)

The whole number of Ballots brot in for Representative to Congress were one hundred and seven they were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by law directed and were for the following Persons to wit:

For	Fredrick Robinson of Charlestown	Sixty four	votes	64
"	Hon John G. Palfrey of Cambridge	thirty two	"	32
"	James G. Carter of Lancaster	nine	"	9
"	Willm S. Thurston of Lancaster	one	"	1
"	Castalio Hosmer of Bedford	one	"	1

On Motion voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1847

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the first day of March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the ensuing year.

3 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th To raise money for repairing Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common Lands and Highways the ensuing year.

7th By request to see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to borrow money when it may be had at five per cent and pay debts when it is not paying six per cent or do any thing respecting the Towns debts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof.

March Meeting Warrant Continued

at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bradford this fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of Bradford

A True Copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss.
Bradford March 1st 1847

Agreeable to the within Warrant I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles } Constable
of Bradford

A True Copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bradford met and acted on the matters contained in said warrant in the following manner

Town Meeting March 1st 1847

1st Chose P. H. Chamberlin Moderator

2 For County Treasurer the whole number of votes were ninety all of which were for Hedman Buttrick Esqr of Concord 90 votes

3 Town Clerk whole number of votes sworn by Thomas Stiles had 67 & was chosen and Sworn

" Selectmen Amas Hartwell
John. P. Reed
Jonathan Bacon
} were chosen and Sworn

On Motion to proceed to the choice of Assessors & Overseers the Town voted in the negative.
Whereupon the Selectmen were duly Sworn Assessors for the ensuing year

Town Treasurer Isaac P. Bacon Chosen & Sworn

On motion voted to adjourn to meet again at one oclock P. M.

Afternoon Session.
The Meeting was called to order agreeable to adjournment.

Constables Joseph Phelps
Thomas Stiles
} were Chosen and Sworn

On Motion voted to let out the collecting of the Taxes to the lowest Bidder and was struck off to Isaac L. Watts for Seventeen Dollars and fifty cents

Collector of Taxes. Isaac L. Watts Chosen & Sworn

March Meeting Continued

Town Officers. Nathan[l] C. Cutter
Asa Mead Jr. John R. Reed. Abner B. Lane
Francis Wilson, were Chosen & Sworn

Surveyors of Highways. Samuel Sage
Charles Spaulding. William Clark
Ebenr. P. Davis. Nathan Fitch
John Smith. Michael Crosby. Obed Stearns
Constantine Hill. Thadeus W. Davis.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark
Thomas Stiles. Jonas Monroe
Abner B. Lane Nathan Fitch
Ebenr. P. Davis Seth Whitcomb

Field Drivers. Wm Proctor Wm Clark
Wm A. Lane Cyrus Page Eldridge Merriam
Samuel Sage

Fire Wards — Joseph Phelps
Abner B. Lane Nathan[l] C. Cutter

Pytching Mow. — James M. Cutter
Wm A. Lane Wm Walker John R. Cutting

Surveyors of Lumber Isaac P. Bacon
Nathan[l] C. Cutter. Nathan Fitch

Auditors — John W. Simonds
George Simonds

4th On Motion Voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as last year.

5th On motion Voted to raise five hundred Dollars and fifty Dollars to be laid out on the Bridges if necessary.

March Meeting Continued

6th On motion Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common Lands and Highways the ensuing year

On Motion Voted to borrow the money if it can be obtained at five per cent and pay the Town debt for which they now pay Six per cent if it can be obtained for five years the same to be done at the discretion and under the direction of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer

On Motion Voted to instruct the Treasurer to pay five hundred Dollars of the Town debts out of any money in the Treasury that is not otherwise appropriated

The Selectmen submitted their report on the Expenses of the Town for the year ending March first 1847 which after some emendations made by them was accepted and put on file in the Clerks Office

The Selectmen submitted their Report on Guide Boards which was accepted and put on file in the Clerks Office

The Selectmen submitted a Report recommitted to them at a former Meeting on the repairs of the Town Hall which was accepted and placed on file

The Selectmen Submitted a Report of their doings in relation to the subject of encroachments on the Public Highways committed to them under a Resolve past in Town Meeting April 6th 1846

Minutes of Meeting Continued

On Motion voted to accept the report so far as it related to Manufactures and Grand Jurors in accordance with the Resolves on that subject.

On Motion voted to commit the residue of the Report to a Committee of three and if they consider them encroachments to the Highway and if not recommend then the Committee are instructed to make complaint to the Grand Jury at the first Session

Chose Cyrus Page, Wm Page, and Elisha B. Lane a Committee for that purpose

On the subject of the Resolves presented by John W. Simonds in relation to the existing war with Mexico it was moved that the Preamble and Resolves be passed as an expression of the sense of this Town on the subject to which they refer to be recorded with the doings of this Meeting

Pending the consideration of this subject it was ordered on motion that when the vote is taken on the question it shall be decided by a call for the yeas and nays and the names of the Persons answering in the Affirmative and in the Negative to be recorded with the records of the same

Preamble

Whereas, the present State of advancement in the knowledge of the science of government is such in enlightened communities, that we regard a system of war as a means for the support of a

Mass Meeting Continued

State in its administration of the principles conducive of the peace and prosperity of the People, or the honor of the government, to be unjust, unnecessary and barbarous; which should only be resorted to as an instrument to compel those who, regardless of the higher dictates of humanity refuse to submit the adjustment of their difficulties with each other to an arbitration in accordance with the principles of reason and humanity.

Whereas in view of the many and continued wrongs and injuries done by the People of the Mexican States, upon the Persons and property of our citizens, and the neglect of the Mexican government for such a length of time to make the acknowledged reparation until, at last it refused to open any further negotiation in regard to the existing difficulties, and publicly declaring a State of war to exist with the people of these United States, which was followed by the commission of such acts of violence upon the acknowledged rights of our government, and to that extent, that the Congress of these United States was compelled to declare that a state of war existed by the act of Mexico: believing in the justness of the cause, we are prepared to admit the necessity of this last resort to distinguish peace in order to procure a permanent peace. It is hereby

Resolved — that we approve of the course our government have pursued in prosecuting the war with Mexico for the attainment of negociations for an honorable peace: believing that all true citizens of our common Country desire the continuance of active and energetic measures for the accomplishment of that object,

March Meeting Continued

We commit now with approbation the cause of many of the citizens of this republic in their attempts to throw obstacles in the way calculated to impede the progress of the government, and thus prolong the suffering and expense of a state of war.

After a prolonged discussion of the merits of the question on both sides the previous question being called for and sustained it was decided by the following vote

The Clerk then proceeded to call the names by reading the list of voters and the persons whose names are here annexed answered (yea—

Isaac P. Bacon Nathan Bryant
Joseph H. Buttrfield Silvia Buttrfield
Charles M. Buttrfield Geo. Billings
William Clark Thomas C. Cutler Nathan C. Cutler
Thos. B. Cutler John R. Cutler Rodney Cutler
James H. Cutler Geo. H. Cutler Samuel Cutler
Geo. Cutler Luther Eaton Peter Farmer
Henry Goodwin Joseph H. Goodwin Thomas
Goodwin Lewis P. Grason Stephen Haynes
Jacobs W. Kelley Eliab B. Lane Roger Lane
Elmer H. Lane Elmer B. Lane Wait Lock
Joseph Libbyfield William A. Lane
Edward Merrill William Page Mayo Page
Benjamin Page Timothy Page Sanford
P. Page Joseph Phelps Solomon Phelps
William Procter John R. Procter
William D. Reed Geo. H. Reed Thomas
Stiles John M. Simonds Geo. Simonds
William Webber Hiram Webber Isaac S.
Watts Charles Wall Francis Wilson
whole number of yeas fifty one

Town Meeting Continued

And the following persons when their names were called answered

Jonathan Bacon — John Bacon
Reuben Bacon Jr. Elijah Bacon 2d
Chamberlain Daniel Constantine Jonas Harlow
Jonas Jr. Hayward Edmund Hoar Henry Harwood
Asa Head Jr. Cyrus Page Lewis Fairbanks
Charles Robinson William A Stearns Charles
Spaulding Elijah Shelton Elijah Shelton Jr.
Calvin Shelton Elijah W. Stearns George
Wilson. Willard Wilson. Nathan Jr. Watts
whole number of Mays twenty three

On Motion voted to adjourn

A True Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1817

Middlesex. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fifth day of April next at one Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two Special County Commissioners, for the County of Middlesex, all on one ballot. Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz

April Meeting Warrant Continued

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

" 2 To raise money to defray the Ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

" 3 To hear a report from the School Committee and raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

" 4th To choose a School Committee for the ensuing year, and fill any vacancy that exists in any Town Office.

" 5th To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to cause the Bell to be rung as usual and provide some one to take charge of the Town Hall or do any thing respecting the same.

" 6th To see if the Town ratify the organization of an Engine Company in this Town.

" 7th By request of Nathan Stitch and 5 others to see if the Town will widen the Road from Sandy Brook to the House of Mr Ephraim Jones, or purchase Grave to repair said Road or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

April Meeting Warrant Continued,

Given under our hands at Bedford, this twenty second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Amos Hartwell
Jon.a Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

A True Copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss
Bedford April 5th 1847
Agreable to the within Warrant I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Thomas Stiles } Constable of Bedford

A True Copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in said warrant in the following manner

The Meeting was called to order by the Selectmen and the poll was opened to receive the votes of the Town for three County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners

On motion it was voted that the poll for County Commissioners remain open until 4 O'clock P.M.

The Meeting was then called to order by the Clerk to act on the first article of the Warrant for the meeting.

April Meeting Continued

1st Choose John W. Simonds Moderator.
Agreeably to a standing rule of the town

the School Committee submitted their annual report
The Committee chosen at the last Nov. Meting on
the subject of the burial ground submitted a report
Reuben Bacon jr submitted an order relating to
the districting of the highways of the town,
Reuben Bacon jr submitted a resolve on the subject
of Education
P. W. Chamberlin submitted a resolve on the subject
of apportioning the School money,

On motion voted to take up the business contained
in the warrant.

2 On motion voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars
$1500,00

3 On motion voted to take from the table the
School Committees Report which was accepted
and ordered to be placed on file
On motion voted to raise eight hundred Dollars $800,00
for the support of Schools the ensuing year

4th Chase E. P. Davis
Abel B. Adams
Rev. Orin Sikes School Committee

On motion chose John M Hanscomb Surveyor
of Highways in place of Michael Crosby resigned

5th On motion voted to direct the Selectmen to
provide some Person to take charge of the town
Hall the ensuing year
On motion voted to instruct the Selectmen
to let out the Bell to be rung in the same
manner as last year with seperate items
of the expense

April Meeting Continued

6th On motion voted that the town receive the list of names as presented by the Selectmen and the Selectmen are instructed to receive additional number of names for a Hook & Ladder Company

7th On motion voted to indefinitely postpone so much of the 7th Article as relates to widening the Road
On motion voted to chose a Committee with full powers to purchase Gravel for the repair of the East Road
On motion chose the Selectmen for that Committee

The report of the Committee on burial ground—It was voted to accept the report and refer the same to the Selectmen to carry in to effect

An order Submitted by R. Bacon & wastaken up
On motion voted to divide the South District commencing at the House of Moses Page and ending at the County Road near the old Meeting House
On motion voted to chose a Highway Surveyor for the new District
On motion chose Lourizo Phelps Surveyor

On motion voted to extend Mr Samuel Sages Highway limits to the west side of the Common
On motion voted to direct the Selectmen to draw on the Treasurer for thirty five Dollars to be laid out on the Road under the direction of Samuel Sage

On the Resolve relating to the subject of education It was voted to accept the same and that it be placed on file

On the Resolve relating to the apportionment of the School Money. It was laid over to next March Meeting.

April Meeting Continued

The whole number of ballots given in for County Commissioners is ninety one and they were for the following Persons viz.

Josiah Adams of Framingham had thirty six votes 36
Ebenezer Barber of Charlestown had thirty three votes 33
Joshua Swan of Lowell had seventeen votes 17
Joshua[2] Tuneh of Lowell had seventy four votes 74
Joseph Cutler of Framingham had fifty four votes 54
Alexander Gregg of Milford fifty nine votes 59

The whole number of ballots given in for Special County Commissioners is ninety and they were for the following Persons

Charles Power of Ware had seventeen votes 17
John Fletcher of Acton had thirty seven votes 37
Luke Bellington of Ashby had fifty four votes 54
A. W. Goodale of Woburn had seventy three votes 73

On motion voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford May 27th 1847

The following list of names are liable to do Military Duty in the Town of Bedford as made out by the Assessors

Abel S. Monroe
William C Atherton
D. W. Ayer
Moses G. Abbott
John C. Bacon
Isaac P. Bacon
John G. Billings
Joseph M. Butterfield
Charles M. Butterfield
Warren Bacon
Daniel H. Butters
Thomas C. Cutler
Amos B. Cutler
P. W. Chamberlain
Charles C. Covey
James M. Cutler

Militia Roll Continued

George M. Cutler
Timothy Dean
Albert Fitch
Josiah L. Gragg
Joseph Goodwin
Henry Goodwin
Daniel Hill
Henry Hosmer
Benjamin G. Hosmer
Cyrus Hapgood
Obediah P. Johnson
Ausborn Jones
Elbridge Jones
Sylvanus Lawrence
Joseph Litchfield
Edward Merritt
Benjamin Page
Daniel B. Piper
Sewell Parkhurst
Charles P. Robbins
William D. Reed
Daniel Reed
Charles Robinson
George Reed
William A. Stearns
Henry H. Staples
Charles Spalding
Lewis Spalding
Thomas G. Butters
Luther Butler
Stephen Haynes jr.
Thomas B. Hosmer
Robert W. Edwards
Jonas R. Wilson
William H. Cooper
William Procter
Joseph Hartwell 2d

R. Turner Bryant
William Clark
Asa J. Rice
Robert Moore
Abner B. Lane
Benjamin J. Davis
George Davis
Hiram Clark
Eleazer P. Davis
Nathan O. Reed
Joseph Perkins
Samuel Randall
Rufus Conners
Abijah Perry
Charles Dean
Joseph Skinner
Quincy Dean
Ezra Gilbert
Josiah M. Crosby
Francis Wilson
Jacobb W. Kelley
Nathan Fitch
Ward Cook
Cyrus F. Crosby
Curtis Stearns
John W. Simonds
George Simonds
Elijah W. Stearns
Samuel Sage jr.
Daniel Sage
George Wilson
Willard Wilson
Samuel Wyman
Nathan P. Watts
Albion S. Willard
Isaac L. Watts
Merill Whitcomb

Militia Roll Continued

Varnum Monroe
Charles E. Manning
Jacob Heath
Nelson Hanson
Samuel Tennison
Seth Whitford
Curtis White
John E. Merriam
Daniel Crowley
Asa Mead Jr.
Lorenzo Phelps
Eldridge Hartwell
John D. Collins
Edward Hunt
John Butterfield
Joseph Mansfield
William F. Frost
Leander Clark
Nathan G. Cutler
Jonas Putnam
Peter Moore
David Page
Silas Brooks
Abel Flint
Reuben Bacon Jr.
Isaac Hartwell
Shaddens H. Davis
John Gragg
William H. Lane
Lorenzo Stevens

Granville Hosmer
John A. Merriam
John Fiske
John Blakeney
William P. Hayward
Ebenezer Coleman
Larkin P. Page
Moses Page 2d
Elijah Skelton Jr.
Edwin Skelton
Moses F. Brown
Joseph Hartwell
Joshua Jackson
William Foster
George H. Smith
Charles E. Gillingham
Randal S. Clark
Constantine Hill
Charles Jackson
Eldridge M. Stearns
Daniel Parker
Loren Bryant
John P. Reed
Justus P. Hastings
Joseph Burton
Hiram L. Sutton
Miranda Sutton
William Kelsea
William Goodwin
Oliver J. Lane

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jon.a Bacon
} Assessors

A True Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Selectmens Report on laying out a

Road on the East side of the Common

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows.
Beginning at the South Road near Nathan.l C. Cutlers House thence through the Common to the southwest corner of the Town Hall two rods wide then on said Common to the north end of said Hall thirty feet and four inches wide at said north end, bounded east on said Hall thence to the County Road twenty feet wide at said Road bounded east on the Road leading from the County Road to the Town Hall leaving it at the County Road fifty three feet wide by taken in said Hall Road which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a Public Town way.
Dated at Bedford this third day of June in the year 1847

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Jonathan Bacon } of Bedford

A True Copy, Attest

Thomas Stites Town Clerk

Report of the Selectmen on laying out a Straightening in the East part of Bedford

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have laid out a straitning for the use of said town in the Road in the easterly part of said town near the House of John P. Davis on the south side of Sandy Brook (so called) commencing about two rods south of the south abutment of the Bridge over said brook at a stake and stones by the wall on the westerly side of said road thence paping in a southerly direction over land of said Davis about-

Selectmens Report Continued

Sixteen rods cunning into the Road at the widest place about one rod and ten links to a stake and stones by the wall about three rods north of a barway near the corner the road throwing into the road in the widest place about one and one half rods in width and taking about twelve square rods of land and we agree that said Danis might take the loam from the top eight inches deep for his privat use and that a bank Wall should be set the whole of said way and as far south as said barway by the Surveyors of highway (for the time being) or an authorized agent as fast as the grane is needed and removed for the repairs of the Highway and also that a bank wall should be set north of said first mentioned stake and stones as far as a barway near a maple tree in consequence of grane having been taken away by a former Surveyor and letting down the wall all to be accomplished within two years from the first of July next and no other damage are required. Also laid out a straitning on the opposite side of said road on the corner where the road turns to Lexington near the House of George Sanderson beginning at a stake and stones at said corner on land of Roger Lane thence running northerly on land of said Lane (cuming into the road a little) about six and a half rods taking in to the road in the widest place about nine feet and we agree that said Lane might take off the loam eight inches deep for his privat use and that the surveyor of highways should not set 7 rods of wall. Which straitnings are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance.

Bedford May 17th 1841 — Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed }
A True Copy Attest — Jona Bacon } of
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk — } Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting June 19th 1847

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town Hall on Saturday the 19th of June inst. at two of the Clock P.M. to act upon the following Articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by the Selectmen beginning at the South Road near Nathan. G. Cutlers House two rods wide thence northerly by the Town Hall about 30 rods wide to the County Road, said Road bounded Westerly 2 rods East of the row of Trees on the east side of the Common.

3 By request of Reuben Bacon Esq and 11 others to see if the Town will discontinue the old Road leading from the South Road to the ground where the old Meeting House formerly stood or do any thing respecting the same.

4th To see if the Town will accept of the alterations in the Easterly part of the Town of the Road leading from Sandy Brook to the corner near Mr Sandersons House, as staked out by the Selectmen

5th By request of Francis Wilson to see if the Town will raise the Bridge near his Mills or choose a Committee to make it safe for the travel who he reluctantly there or do any thing respecting the same;

6th To see if the Town will grant leave to Individuals to build a suitable fence round the Common where the old Church stands, without expence to the Town

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

6th Jn. To see if the Town will grant Individuals leave to stake out lots in the Burying Ground and make other improvements or do any thing respecting it

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this third day of June one thousand eight hundred & forty seven.

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Jona Bacon } of Bedford

A True Copy Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss.

Bedford June 19th 1847

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses fourteen days before the time of holding this Meeting

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles } Constable
of Bedford

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Thomas H Chamberlin Moderator

Town Meeting Continued

2d Voted to accept the Road as laid out by the Selectmen. Provided the first Parish shall file with the Town their consent with the release of Land damage on their part within Sixty days, otherwise this vote of acceptance to be null and void.

3d Voted to discontinue the Road leading across the Common laid out by the Town in 1731 & 2 commencing at the South Road near the House of Nathan'l. C. Cutler's and ending at the ground where the old Meeting House formerly stood.

4th Voted to accept of the straightening as staked out by the Selectmen in the East part of the Town.

5th Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen with discretionary powers

6th Voted that the Town do grant leave for Individuals to build a suitable Fence around the Common

7th Voted to grant leave to Individuals to stake out Lots and improve them under the direction of the Sexton and Selectmen that are known to be unoccupied, and to enclose the same with a suitable Fence.

On motion voted to take up the fourth article for the purpose of appointing an agent to build the wall provided that there is not funds in the hands of the Surveyors. Chose Roger Sawyer Agent for that purpose

On Motion Voted to adjourn

A True Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Selectmens Report

Bedford September 18th 1817

The Selectmen met with Mr Francis Wilson at the Mills said Wilson is now building in the Easterly part of said Bedford for the purpose of staking out the bounds of the Road passing by said Mills and set the bounds as follows viz.

Beginning at the junction of the Roads leading to Michael Crosbys House and the Town of Burlington as the same now stands in a Laneway, thence from the Easterly end of said Laneway in a southwesterly direction about 135 feet to a stake ten forty six feet from the Southeasterly corner of said Mills (said Mills being on the opposite side of the way) thence across the millpond 116 feet to a Stone post near the end of the wall marked with the letter H thence about 13 rods to a stake and stones nearly opposite the House of John Hanscomb on the Road leading to Bedford taking in to the Road a little of said Wilsons land at the extremities of the said last mentioned bounds and throwing a little out of the road in the center of said last mentioned bounds. the above Road is two rods wide and the bounds are all on the Southeasterly side of said Road and all on land of said Wilson and said Wilson claims no damage of the Town for the above alterations if accepted by the Town

And the Selectmen further recommend that the waste Stoneway across the Road a little southwesterly of the main Steam leading to said Mills (so far as the bounds of the Road) shall be opened at the expense of the Town.

A True Copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Amos Harbach
Selectmen
John P. Reed
of Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting October 1st 1849

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 1st day of October next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2 To see if the Town will accept of the bounds of the Road passing by Mr Wilsons Mills as staked out by the Selectmen and open the waste water course at said Mills as recommended by the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty third day of September in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed 5d } Bedford

Middlesex ss

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the voters of said Town by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said Bedford nine days before holding said meeting

Bedford September 26th 1849

A true Copy Attest Joseph P. Hayes Constable

Thomas Wiles Town Clerk of Bedford

Town Meeting October 4th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Belfast met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 The Selectmen submitted their Report on staking out of the Road by Francis Wilsons Mills

On motion voted to recommit the recommendation of the Selectmen contained in their report and request them to report the same as amended forthwith

A report agreable to the above vote was submitted by Amos Boutwell one of the Selectmen

On Motion Voted to recommit the said Report back to the Selectmen to report the same to morrow night

On Motion Voted to adjourn until 10 Oclock to morrow Evening

October 5th The Inhabitants of the Town met agreably to adjournment

The Selectmen submitted their Report to the Town agreably to previous instructions

On Motion voted to accept of the Road as staked out by the Selectmen

On motion voted not to accept of that part of the recommendation of the Selectmen relating to the opening of the waste Driveway near Francis Wilsons Mills

On motion voted to accept so much of the recommendation of the Selectmen as amended by them under instructions by a vote of the Town as relates to building the Road and causing the main Bridge to the line abutting Francis Wilsons land by the Mills

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Vote of the first Parish

At a Legal Meeting of the first Parish in Bedford on Monday the second day of August the following Article was inserted in the Warrant for said meeting.

Art 2 To see if the Parish will file in the Town Clerks Office an acquittance of land damages for the road laid out by the Selectmen beginning at the South road near A. C. Cutlers house passing by the Town Hall to the County Road as accepted by the Town on the 19th of June last.

Pursuant to a vote on the above article the Clerk was thereby requested to file the following notice with the Clerk of the Town of Bedford viz. viz. That the Parish hereby relinquish all its right to claim damages for the land taken by the Town for the road described in the above 2 article in the warrant for this meting.

Bedford August 12th 1847

Cyrus Page } Parish
Clerk

Received August 12th 1847

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 5th 1847

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the eighth day of November next (it being the second Monday of said month) at nine O'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and Six Senators for the Middlesex district all on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

To act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator

2 By request of Samuel Sage and others to see if the Town will take measures to prevent Individuals from hauling Stones in to the Public Highway, and other grievances on said Highway.

3 By request of Abner Wheeler to see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to pay his Note for fifty Dollars and have him give over it to the town the town having ample security by Mortgage.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty eighth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jona Bacon
Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford November 5th 1847

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Thomas Stiles
Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the District of Middlesex.

On motion voted That the poll for the above named Officers be kept open till four O'clock P.M.

For Town Representative whole number of votes 95
Amos B. Cutler had forty nine and was chosen

November Meeting Continued

On Motion Voted to adjourn to one Oclock P. M.

Afternoon Session

The town met agreable to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the Clerk for the choice of a Moderator

1st Chose Amos Harwell Moderator

2 On Motion Voted to choose a Committee of three to procede forthwith and examine the Road

Chose John P. Reed
Willard Wilson
Orvile Tyler
} Committee

3 On motion voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a committee to confer with Abner Wheeler and report at the next March Meeting.

The whole number of ballots given in for Governor was one hundred and fifty eight and they was for the following Persons viz

For	Caleb Cushing of Newbury port	ninety Votes	90
"	George N. Briggs of Pittsfield	forty "	40
"	Samuel E Sewall of Malden	twenty four "	24
"	Francis Baylies of Taunton	four "	4

The whole number of ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and fifty eight

For	Henry W Cushman of Bernardstown	ninety Vots	90
"	John Reed of Yarmouth	forty "	110
"	John W. Buckler of Pittsfield	twenty four "	24
"	Charles H. Moore of Charlestown	four "	4

The whole number of ballots given in for Senators was one hundred and fifty eight and was for the following Persons viz

November Meeting Continued

For	Bradford Russell of Groton	ninety ballots	90
"	Luke Wellington of Ashby	ninety ballots	90
"	Alpheus R. Brown of Lowell	ninety "	90
"	Benjamin Muzzey of Lexington	ninety "	90
"	Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown	eighty nine "	89
"	Alden Leland of Hollliston	ninety "	90
"	Joseph T. Buckingham of Cambridge	thirty nine "	39
"	Calvin Shepard of Ashland	thirty nine "	39
"	Daniel Heard of Wayland	thirty eighth "	38
"	Albert H. Nelson of Woburn	thirty nine "	39
"	Jappan Wentworth of Lowell	thirty eighth "	38
"	Christopher M. Bellows of Pepperell	thirty nine "	39
"	James T. Woodbury of Acton	twenty three "	23
"	Daniel Goodale of Marlborough	twenty four "	24
"	Charles Forster of Somerville	twenty five "	25
"	Otis Pettee of Newton	twenty four "	24
"	George Minot of Reading	twenty four "	24
"	Jonas Patch of Ashby	twenty four "	24
"	Edward Cutler of Somerville	four "	4
"	John P. Robinson of Dracut	four "	4
"	James C. Curtis of Medford	four "	4
"	John Howes of Cambridge	four "	4
"	Edward Mellen of Wayland	four "	4
"	Nathaniel S. Prince of Newton	four "	4

Report of Committee chosen to examine the Road.

Your Committee chosen to examine the Road at the request of an article inserted in the warrant by Mr Samuel Sage, have attended to that duty and ask leave to report, We have found some Stone lying near the travelled path which if an accident should happen the Town would be liable to damage, and particularly some Timber lying near by Land of Mr Daniel Swift, which we consider very dangerous, and we recommend to the Town to instruct the Surveyor of that District to cause the removal forthwith.

The above Report was accepted by the Town

John P. Reed
Willard Wilson
Lewis Tyler
} Committee

On Motion voted to adjourn

A true Record Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. March 6th 1848

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten O'Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the ensuing year.

3 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th To raise Money for repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing Year.

6th To see if the Town will restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common Lands and Highways the coming year.

7th By request of John Merriam Esqr to see if the Town will purchase a Lot for a Burrying Ground.

8th To see if the Town will purchase a Standard of weights and Measures agreeable to Law.

9th To see if the Town will take suitable measures to defend the Suit brought against them by Francis Wilson or do any thing respecting the same

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty third day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Amos Hartwell
John P. Rice
Jona Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford March 6th 1848

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Thomas Stiles } Constable
of Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in said warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose John W. Simonds Moderator.

3 March 3 Meeting Continued

The Selectmen Submitted their Report on Guide Posts & Guide Boards Also their Report on the Town Expenses

The Committee chosen at the last March meeting on the subject of Abner Whites note Submitted their Report

52 For County Treasurer the whole number of votes were eighty five all of which were for Stedman Buttrick Esq of Concord 85

53 Town Clerk, whole number of votes Sixty eight Thomas Stiles had 67 and was chosen & Sworn

Selectmen

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} were chosen and Sworn

On Motion voted to adjourn to one Oclock P.M.

Afternoon Session the Town met agreable to adjournment

On Motion voted to omit choosing Overseers & Overseers of the Poor

Thereupon the Selectmen were duly sworn Overseers for the ensuing year

Town Treasurer Isaac P. Bacon was Chosen & Sworn

Constables
Joseph Phelps
Francis Wilson
} were Chosen and Sworn

Collector of Taxes. On Motion voted to let out the collecting of the Taxes to the lowest bidder which was bid off by Abel B. Adams for Twenty Dollars.

Chase Abel B Adams, Collector

March Meeting Continued

Fence Viewers
George Simonds
Obed Stearns
Albert Bacon
Albert Fitch
Amos B. Cutler
Abner B Lane

Surveyors of Highways
Samuel Sage
Benj^m J. Davis
Stephen Haynes Jr
Elijah Brown
Joseph Hartwell
Michael Crosby
Seth Whitford
Constantine Hill
Hiram L. Sutton
Joseph Hartwell 2d

Surveyors of Wood & Bark
William Procter
Jonas Monroe
Nathan Fitch
Seth Whitford
Thomas B. Hosmer
John P. Reed

Field Drivers
Phineas W. Chamberlin
Albert Bacon
Francis Wilson
Eldridge Merriam
Elam P Davis
David Lane

On Motion voted to dispense with choosing Tything men

Surveyors of Lumber
Nathan^l C. Cutler
Nathan Fitch
Isaac P. Bacon
Francis Wilson

March Meeting Continued

Auditors Isaac's Coggswell &
Abel. B. Adams

Pound Keeper Elias Shelton

Fire Wards George Sutton
Joseph Phelps
Jonas Manoe

4th On motion voted to raise the money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges by a general tax to be expended by the several Surveyors of Highways

5th On motion voted to raise four hundred Dollars for the repair of the Roads and Bridges.

6th On motion voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common Lands and Highways the ensuing year.

7th On motion voted to choose a Committee to ascertain what they can purchase a suitable piece of Land for, and report as soon as may be

Choose John Meriam
Abel Adams
Stephen Haynes Committee
John Smith
P. W. Chamberlin

8th On motion voted that a Committee of three be chosen to purchase such pair of a Standard as will conform to Law.

Chose Isaac P. Bacon
John P. Reed
Jona Bacon

March Meeting Continued

9th On motion voted to choose a Committee of three with Discretionary power to settle the suit with Mr Wilson before it is entered in Court, and if they do not settle to be authorized to employ Counsel, and report what they think will be for the interest of the Town at April Meeting next

Choose Reuben Bacon
Jona Bacon
P. W. Chamberlin
} Committee

On the Selectmens Report on Guide Posts and Guide boards, voted to amend by setting a Guide Post with boards at the junction of the Road that leads to Cummings's directing to Lexington and Burlington & Woburn, and further amended by removing the board directing to Lexington from the post near the House of Eldridge Wyman also to place a board on the post near the House of Mr Sanderson directing to Burlington and Woburn, accepted with the above amendments

On the Selectmens report on the Expenses of the Town voted to accept the same

On the Report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to see to the note of Abner Wheeler voted to accept of their report,

On Motion voted to adjourn

A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting April 3

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables
of the Town of Bedford Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify
the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified
to vote in Elections and in town affairs
to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford
on Monday the third day of April next
at one O'clock P.M. then and there to act on
the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said
meeting.

2 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges
of the Town the ensuing year.

3 To hear a report from the School Committee
and raise money for the support of Schools
the ensuing year.

4th To choose a School Committee for the ensuing
year and fill any vacancy that exists in
any town Office.

5th To see what method the Town will take in
relation to the Sale and care of the Town
Hall.

6th By request of Samuel Sage to see if the
town will raise money to raise the causeway
near Carlisle Bridge.

7th To see if the town will accept of a list of
Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

8th To see if the Town will take legal measures
to ascertain the ability of Nathaniel Shelton
to contribute towards the support of his
Father.

April Meeting Warrant Continued

6th To see if the Town will carry out the provision of Law in regard to Dogs, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss.

Bedford March 25th 1848

By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday the third day of April at one O'clock P.M. by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Bedford.

Joseph Phelps Constable

A true Copy, attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 3 1848

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters containing in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 On motion voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year $1500.00

On motion voted to pay nine hundred Dollars of the Town debt out of any money not otherwise appropriated

On motion voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry out the above vote

3 The School Committee submitted their Report which was accepted

On motion voted that the School Committee for 1848 cause two hundred copies of the two last Reports to be printed and a Copy furnished to every Family in Bedford.

On motion voted to raise eight hundred Dollars for the support of Schools $800.00

4th Chose Rev Cyrus Sykes
Samuel Sage Jr } School
George Simonds } Committee

On Motion voted to choose one Surveyor of Wood & Bark in addition to the number chosen at the last March Meeting.
Chose Thomas Stiles Surveyor

Chose Jonas Putnam Surveyor of Highways in the District where Jonas Phelps served last year

April 5th Meeting Continued

5th "Voted to instruct the Selectmen to cause the Bell to be rung as usual except omitting nine Oclock in the Evening Also to be rung for all moral and Scientific Lectures.

6th "On motion voted to raise fifty Dollars to be expended by Samuel Sage on the Road near Carlisle and Shawshune Bridges.

7th "Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

8th On Motion voted to choose a Committee of three to investigate the subject, and ascertain whether Ichamas Shelton is able to contribute toward the support of his Father, and if he refuses after the Committee are satisfied that he is able, to oblige him to do so by Law,
Chose Reuben Bacon Esq
Jon.a Bacon
John M. Simonds } Committee

9th "On motion voted to adopt a code of by laws as presented by John M. Simonds.
See Book B Page 377
Voted to have 198 Copies of the above Code by laws printed

The following Resolves were adopted

Resolved That the members of the fire Engine Company and the members of the Hook & Ladder Co. to the number of thirty persons, shall be entitled to receive the amount of poll tax, assessed on them for the year ensuing, if they perform the the duty as required by law,

April Meeting Continued

Resolved that the School Committee for the ensuing year be authorised and requested to purchase at the expense of the Town six Copies of Websters large Dictionaries one for each of the Districts to be kept in the charge of the prudential Committee for the benefit of the Schollars.

The Committee on the suit of Francis Wilson Report that they have not been able to make a settlement with him or as yet to procure a particular bill of his demands against the town, they therefore have employed Counsel to attend to the case in Court.

Reuben Bacon
Jonathan Bacon
P. W. Chamberlin
} Committee

On Motion Voted to recommit the above Report to settle or defend the suit.

The Committee appointed to loan the Surplus Revenue Report that the money aforesaid has been for nearly eleven years been kept at Interest and the Interest thereof paid annually to the town Treasurer for the purpose expressed in the vote of the town passed May 22 1837.
They also report that they have had notice that the amount of five hundred and sixty five Dollars is to be paied in the present week and ask the town for any further instructions relating to its reinvestment.
All which is submitted by P. W. Chamberlin
R. Bacon
J. D. Billings

Voted to recommit the above Report to the Committee to loan the money to be paid to them

A true Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Militia Roll May 1st 1845

The following List of names are liable to do Military Duty in the town of Bedford as made out by the Assessors

John Butterfield
John D. Billings
Silas Brooks
Joseph M Butterfield
Sylvanus Sawyer
Joseph Litchfield
John R Cotting
William Procter
Eldridge Hartwell
Joseph Phelps
George Simonds
Daniel Page
Charles P. Robbins
Edward Covy
Reuben Bacon 2d
Charles C. Covy
Edward Merritt
Daniel Reed
Henry Goodwin
Luther Butters
Leroy Smith
Isaac L. Watts
Joseph H Goodwin
Jonas P Hayward
William A Putnam
Samuel Kennison
Hezekiah Jones
Lewis Parkhurst
John C. Bacon
Merrick Whitcomb
Abel Hunt
Edward Hunt
William H. Cooper
Isaac Hartwell
James M. Cutter
John Clark
Eastabo Hosmer 2d
Leander Clark
Geo. Wilson
Sam'l Wyman
Benj C. Hosmer
Josiah L. Gragg
Charles A. Butterfield
Albert F. Bacon
Charles E. Manning
Charles Robinson
Sam'l Sage 2d
David Hale
Marcus Webber
Willard Wilson
P. W. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Stearns
Abel S. Moman
Valentine Wilson
Daniel B. Piper
Mark G. Abbott
William A Stearns
Daniel Trip
Saml Manssfield
Nathan C. Cutter
John H Hanscomb
George Smith
Lewis Tyler
Charles H. Ellis
Henry H. Staples
Thos. F. Brown

Militia Roll Continued

John W. Simonds
John A. Merriam
Isaac P. Bacon
Obediah P. Johnson
Henry Hosmer
Amos B. Cutler
D. H. Wheelock
William Goodwin
Jonas R. Wilson
Willard H. Wilson
Robert W. Edwards
Thomas B. Hosmer
Stephen Haynes Jr.
Albert G. Davis
Charles Ellis
Thomas G. Button
Nathan C. Reed
Charles E. Calhoun
Ebenezer Coleman
John C. Calhoun
Frederick A. Frost
Benjamin J. Davis
George Davis
Albert B. Lane
William Clark
William A. Lane
Myranda Sutton
Hiram L. Sutton
Joshua Jackson
John Trago
Thadeus H. Davis
Hiram Farmer
Justus P. Hastings
Charles Jackson
Eldridge W. Stearns
John Blake
Constantine Hill
Oliver Wilson
Henry Frazer
James Wigglesworth
Charles H. Wigglesworth
Oliver J. Lane
Daniel Parker
Joseph Burton
John P. Reed
Rodney Carter
Samuel A. Webber
Charles Dean
Edwin Shelton
Elijah Dean
Charles Hanson
Joseph Skinner
Jacob H. Kelley
George W. Lane
David H. Lane
Cyrus Cooley
Elbridge G. Farnum
Hiram Weeks
Moses Page 2d
Charles Weeks
George Leonard
Albion K. Wallace
Ward S. A.
Albert Tuttle
Cyrus Hapgood
Rufus Cannon
Hiram Woodbury
Hiram Clark
Seth Whitford
John E. Merriam
Edward A. Hartwell
Joseph Hartwell 2d
William Butler
Jonas Putnam

5th Militia Roll Continued

Francis Wilson	Timothy Dean
George Tufts	George W. Cutter
Daniel H. Sutton	Ethridge Jones
Asa G. Rice	Nathan'l. P. Watts

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} Appears

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clk

Warrant for Town Meeting. November 7th 1865

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at one O'clock P.M. it being the next Tuesday after the first Monday of said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for twelve Electors for President and Vice President of the United States two persons whereof one person at large and one person each Congressional district within the Commonwealth all on one ballot. The Poll for the choice of the electors to be opened at ½ past one O'clock P.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2 By request of Samuel Sage to see if the town will appropriate a sufficient sum of money to enable him to repair the Highway near Cyrus Crosbys House.

3 To see if the town will accept of the bounds of the Road as reestablished by the Selectmen from the Junction of the Road leading to Concord & Billerica.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in the said town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Town Meeting Warant Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
John D. Reed }
Isaac P. Bacon } of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford, November 1st 1848

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps } Constable of
Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States Whole number of Ballots were one hundred eighty eight.

For Electors at Large

Charles G. Greene of Boston had ninety three votes 93

Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield had ninety three " 93

November Meeting Continued

For Electors at Large

Samuel Hoar of Concord had sixty eight votes 68
William Jackson of Lenox had sixty eight votes 68
Levi Lincoln of Worcester had twenty seven " 27
Edmund Dwight of Boston had twenty seven " 27

Districts No 1 James Cheever of Boston had ninety three votes 93
Joseph Willard of Boston had sixty eight " 68
Albert Laine of Boston had twenty seven " 27

" No 2 Ebenezer Shaw of Gloucester had ninety three " 93
John D. Hall of Ipswich had sixty eight " 68
Daniel Pingree of Salem had twenty seven " 27

" No 3 Edwin Lawrence of Newburyport had ninety three " 93
John G Whittier of Amesbury had sixty eight " 68
Daniel Adams of Newbury had twenty seven " 27

" No 4 Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown had ninety three " 93
Nathan Brooks of Concord had sixty eight " 68
Isaac Livermore of Cambridge twenty seven " 27

" No 5 L.C Knowlton of Worcester had ninety three " 93
Alexander De Witt of Worcester had sixty eight " 68
Benjamin Thomas of Worcester had twenty seven " 27

" No 6 Joseph Smith of Hatfield had ninety three " 93
James Foster of Westfield had sixty eight " 68
Ayres Lawrence of Belchertown had twenty seven " 27

" No 7 Samuel Gates of West Stockbridge had ninety three " 93
Thomas Robinson of Adams had sixty eight " 68
Asa Howland of Conway had twenty seven " 27

" No 8 William Ellis of Dedham had ninety three " 93
Benjamin Lincoln of Braintree had sixty eight " 68
Henry A.S. Dearborn of Roxbury had twenty seven " 27

November 3 Meeting Continued

69	Foster Hooper of Vol Nine had ninety three votes	93
	Phil Sachey of Bridgewater had sixty eight "	68
	William Bayliss of West Bridgewater had twenty seven "	27
70	James C. Thompson of New Bedford had ninety three "	93
	Isaac C. Taber of New Bedford had sixty eight "	68
	William R. Easton of Nantucket had twenty seven "	27

Town Affairs

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 Voted to indefinitely postpone the 2. article

3 Voted to reject the 3 article to the next meeting Nov 13th

on motion voted to adjourn

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warant for Town Meeting November 13th 1848

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Election and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the thirteenth day of November Inst. it being the second Monday of said months at nine of the clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Middlesex. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The Polls for the choice of the several Officers to be opened at 9 o'clock A.M. & also to bring in their votes for a representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to our selves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss Bedford, November 13th 1848

Pursuably to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

Town Meeting. November 13th 1848

The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for six Senators for the District of Middlesex on one ballot. and for Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States

On motion voted That the Poll for the above named Offices be kept open till four Oclock P.M.

On motion voted to close the Poll for Town Representative at ½ past eleven of the clock A.M.

On motion voted to adjourn to one Oclock P.M.

Afternoon Session
Town met agreably to adjournment

On motion voted to omit to choose a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court. this Year.

The whole number of ballots brot in for Governor were one hundred seventy one and they were for the following Persons. viz.

Caleb Cushing of Newburyport had seventy two votes 72
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem had seventy three " 73
George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had twenty six " 26

The whole number of ballots brought in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred seventy four and were for the following Persons, viz

Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston had seventy six votes 76
John Wells of Springfield had seventy three " 73
John Reed of Yarmouth had twenty five " 25

3 November 3 Meeting Continued

The whole number of ballots brought in for Senators were one hundred and seventy five and were for the following Persons viz.

Thamer W. Beard of Lowell had	seventy nine	votes 79
Stanyan Tupper of Acton had	seventy nine	" 79
Edward Whitney of Stow had	seventy nine	" 79
Thatcher C. Raymond of Medford had	seventy nine	" 79
William C. Parmenter of Cambridge had	seventy nine	" 79
Abel Pond of Hollistone had	seventy nine	" 79
Joseph T. Buckingham of Cambridge had	seventy two	" 72
William Jackson of Newton had	seventy two	" 72
Shubael P. Adams of Lowell had	seventy two	" 72
James T. Woodbury of Acton had	seventy two	" 72
Reuben Bacon of Sudbury had	seventy one	" 71
Eliab Parker jr of Reading had	seventy two	" 72
Albert H. Wilson of Woburn had	twenty three	" 23
Jaspar Wentworth of Lowell had	twenty four	" 24
Hobart Spencer of Ashby had	twenty four	" 24
John S. Keyes of Concord had	twenty four	" 24
John Sargent of Cambridge had	twenty four	" 24
Chester Adams of Natick had	twenty four	" 24

The whole number of ballots brought in for Representative to Congress were one hundred and seventy seven and were for the following Persons viz.

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had	eighty four	votes 84
Frederick Robinson of Charlestown had	seventy seven	" 77
Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown had	sixteen	" 16

Town affairs

1st Chose John C. Simonds Moderator

on the refused article voted that the Town accept the report of the Selectmen provided said Town save the Town harmless from all Cost or charge which

November 3 Meeting Continued

may have been made on any Indictment or Suit or otherwise in relation to the same which note of acceptance shall take effect and be recorded when evidence shall be furnished to the Town Clerk that its conditions have been complied with and not before.

The above conditions have not been complied with.

The Committee chosen at the last Apr. meeting to ascertain the ability of Ortamas Shelton to contribute towards the support of his Father made their Report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

On the subject of the Town's Standard

Voted that the Town Treasurer take charge of the Standard of weights and measures belonging to this town until the first of March next

On motion voted to adjourn

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 1st 1849

Middleboro' Ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of January next at one of the Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 By request of Castalio Hosmer and fifteen others Voters in the town will reconsider the vote whereby the town passed an act to restrain Dogs from going at large at the last April meeting or do any thing relating to the subject of greater Security against the danger of Dogs going at large.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our Hands this twenty second day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford January 1st 1819.
agreeably to the within Warrant I have posted this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States. Whole number of ballots that in for Representative were one hundred and fifteen and ten for the following Persons viz.

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had sixty six votes 66
Frederick Robinson of Charlestown " thirty nine " 39
Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown had ten " 10
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Town Officers

1st Chosen John H. Simonds Moderator.

January 5 Meeting Continued

5 voted to amend by inserting in the first section of the Dog Act passed April 3 1848 after the words month of May and before the words for each Dog so licensed the following to wit or at any time thereafter.

On motion it was voted as an addition to the regulations and restrictions contained in the first section of said act in relation to the subject of Dogs going at large within the limits of this town, that every dog owned or kept within the limits of this town and licensed as aforesaid to go at large shall constantly wear upon the mouth a sufficient muzzle to protect individuals and property against the bite of such dog: this vote which an addition shall take effect from and after the sixth day of January 1849 and continue till the first day of March 1850.

On motion voted to choose a committee of six one from each School District to carry into effect the provisions of the dog act as amended

Chose for the Centre Districts Castalio Hosmer and John R. Cotting North John P. Reed East Francis Caggswell South Seth Whitford West E. P. Davis.

On motion it was voted, that the town treasurer be hereby empowered to pay out of the treasury of this town fifty cents per head for a bounty to any person who shall offer satisfactory evidence to the treasurer that he has destroyed any dog going at large contrary to the regulations and restrictions passed by this town.

On motion voted to adjourn

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1849

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth &c. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 5th the day of March next at ten of the clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States.

Also to act on the following articles

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

3 To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the Year ensuing.

5th To raise money for repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

6th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common Lands and Highways the ensuing year.

7th By request of John Merriam and others to see if the town will take measures to sell their poor Farm and purchase a smaller one or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Thomas Stiles
John P. Reed
Isaac P. Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S Bedford. March 5th 1849
Agreeably to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

The Selectmen opened the Poll for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States.

On motion voted to keep the polls open until four O'clock for Representative to Congress.

1st The Clerk opened the polls for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Moderator whole number of votes for moderator 9 John L. Simonds had 9

Town Meeting March 5th 1849.

and was chosen Moderator for this meeting.

2 For County Treasurer whole number of votes were one hundred all which were for Nathaniel Bullock Esqr of Concord 100

3 Town Clerk whole number of votes 89 Thomas Stiles had 59 and was chosen and sworn.

Selectmen (Thomas Stiles, Isaac P. Bacon, Benjamin J. Davis) were chosen and sworn

On motion voted to adjourn until one Oclock P.M.

Afternoon sesion the Inhabitants met agreably to adjournment

On motion voted to omit choosing Overseers and Guardians of the Poor

Whereupon the Selectmen were duly sworn Assessors for the year ensuing.

Town Treasurer Isaac P. Bacon was chosen & sworn

Constables — Joseph Phelps, Daniel Constantine } Chosen and sworn.

Collector of Taxes. Nathaniel P. Watts was chosen Collector and agrees to collect them for fifteen Dollars and fifty cents, to be collected in the same manner as formerly.

Fence Viewers chosen — Joseph Phelps Charles C. Gage E. P. Davis, Jonathan Sage Edward Flint Joseph Hartwell

March Meeting Continued

On motion voted to divide the South District and form a new District commencing at Billerica line near Mr Hobs Mill and thence near the junction of the road near Thaddeus Cain's House

Highway Surveyors chose Peter Farmer
Frederick L. Frost Abner L. Saine
Cyrus Hapgood Henry Goodwin Constantine
Hill George Heath Jos. Manspield
Hiram Clark Joshua Jackson
Nathan Fitch Moses L. Bacon

3 Measurers of Wood and Bark chose
Thomas Stiles Jonas Monroe
William Proctor Seth Whitcomb Nathan Fitch

Field Drivers chose Edward Flint
Abel L. Monroe Myranda Dutton
Roger Saine Eldridge Merriam
William Clark

Surveyors of Shingles chose John P. Reed

Surveyors of Lumber Daniel Reed Nathan Fitch
Samuel Sage Jr Francis Wilson

Auditors John G. Billings
Elijah Shelton Elijah H. Means

Pound Keeper John Bacon chosen & sworn

Fire Wards Isaac Simonds John Craig
Nathan C. Cutler Francis Coggswell
Joseph Hartwell Silas Williams

On motion voted to omit to choose a School Committee at this meeting

March . Meeting Continued

4th On motion voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as they were repaired in 1847 with the exception of reserving one quarter of the money or labor to keep the Roads in repair through the winter

5th Voted to raise four Hundred Dollars for the repairing of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year

6th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands & Highways.

7th on Motion Voted to refer the 7th Article to April meeting.

The Selectmen made their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

On the expenses of the town the Selectmen made their report which was referred to April Meeting.

The town Treasurer submitted his report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

The whole number of votes given in for Representative to Congress was one hundred forty eight and were for the following persons

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had seventy five votes 75
Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown " fourteen votes 14
Frederick Robinson of Charlestown " fifty eight " 58
John P. Kent of Bridgton had one vote 1
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on Motion voted to adjourn

A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. April 5th 09

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the second day of April inst at one of the Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

3 To hear a report of the School Committee and raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

4th To choose a School Committee for the ensuing year and fill any vacancy that exists in any town office

5th To see what method the town will take in relation to the Bell and care of the Town Hall.

6th By request of John P Rice and others to see if the town will repair their Barn or do any thing respecting the same.

7th To see if the town will approve of the Selectmens appointing a Fire Engine Company or do any thing respecting the same.

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

5th To hear a report of the Committee appointed at March meeting 1848 to make an examination for a new Burying Ground and do any thing respecting the same.

6th On the second article of March Meeting to see if the town will sell their Farm and purchase a smaller one or do any thing respecting the same

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred forty nine.

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 2 1849
Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford.

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 2 1849

1st Chose Phineas W. Chamberlin Moderator.

2 Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year $1500.00

3d The School Committee made their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on File in the Clerks Office.

One Motion voted to raise eight hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing $800.00

4th Chose Francis Coggswell. Albert Bacon and Nathaniel C Cutler School Committee.

On motion voted to choose a Surveyor of Highways to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Heath. Chose John M. Hanscomb Surveyor

On motion voted to choose a Surveyor of Shingles in addition to the one chosen at March Meeting Chose Nathaniel C. Cutler. to fill that Office.

5th On motion voted That the Selectmen let out the ringing of the Bell and care of the town Hall at auction for one year commencing on the first day of May next. That service to be performed in the following manner viz. The Bell to be rung at twelve O'Clock M. and at nine in the Evening and on Sundays as usual and at Thanksgiving and Fast. and shall be rung at Deaths. and Tolled at Funerals. & not to be rung until 5 O'Clock in the morning on the fourth Day of July. and the town Hall to be swept before and after all meetings. The above service was let out to Samuel Wyman for $11.50 for ringing the Bell and 15 cts a time for opening & closing the town Hall.

April Meeting Continued

6th On motion voted to repair the Barn and chose a Committee of fifteen three from each District to examine the Barn and determine the manner in which it shall be repaired and that this Committee be authorized to appoint an individual whose duty it shall be to purchase all the materials and hire the labor and manage the whole affair and that this Committee consist of the following persons John P. Reed Thaddeus H. Davis John Gragg William Cook Abner B. Lane Edward P. Davis Amos Wadleigh Benjamin F. Wadleigh Hiram Cook Michael Crosby Joseph Skinner 2nd Crosby Joseph Brown Edward Flint John B. Merriam

7th On motion voted to instruct the Selectmen to reappoint a Fire Engine Company.

8th The Committee chosen at March meeting 1848 made their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

On motion voted to instruct the Committee to purchase the lot of land for a Cemetery and the Treasurer be instructed to take the deed of the same for the Inhabitants of the Town.

On Motion voted to add three to the Committee. Chose Rev. Owen Stiles & Elijah Brown & Reuben Bacon Esq

On motion voted to raise two hundred Dollars & be expended in fencing and adorning the grounds if necessary.

On motion voted to instruct the Committee to submit a plan or plans of the lots at the next town meeting.

9th On the reasons article from March meeting voted to refer the same to the next town meeting.

April Meeting Continued

On the expenses of the town for the year ending March first 1849 report from March Meeting the same was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Selectmen gave notice that there had been a complaint entered with them that the water was flowing their lands in consequence of a waste sluice way being filled up near Francis Wilsons Mills. causing the water to set back upon the lands of Daniel Shelton and Daniel McIntire.

On motion voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the case and do what they think will be for the interest of the Town in relation to the waste sluice way near Wilsons mills.

On motion voted to adjourn.

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 23/49

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the 23 day of April Inst. at four O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2 By request of Charles Spalding and fourteen others to see if the Town will choose a School Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Francis Coggswell. Albert Bacon & Nathan C. Cutler chosen at the last April meeting.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting ~~Houses~~ Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred forty nine

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin J. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford

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Town Meeting warant Continued

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 23 1849
Agreeably to the within I have served this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy, attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner.

1st Chose P. W. Chamberlin Moderator.

2 On motion voted to choose a School Committee

Chose William H. Rogers
Reuben Bacon Esq.
William Procter
} School Committee

On motion voted to adjourn.

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 11th 1849

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requiried to notify, and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the eleventh day of June inst at one o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose a Surveyor of Highways to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Frederick A. Frost.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford, nine days at least before the time of meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Isaac P. Bacon } of
Bedford

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Town Meeting June 11th 1849

Middlesex ss Bedford June 11th 1849
Agreeably to the within I have warned this
Warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses
in Bedford nine days before the time of
holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of
Bedford

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice
the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met
and acted on the matters contained in
the warrant in the following manner

The Selectmen opened the Polls for the Inhabitants
to be bring in their votes for a Representative
to represent District No four in the Congress of
the United States. The whole number of votes
given in was ninety three and were for
the following Persons viz

Silvanus G. Pattee of Cambridge had fifty two votes 52

Frederick Robinson of Charlestown had thirty four " 34

Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown has seven " 7

Town Officers

1st Chose Elijah H Stearns Moderator

2 Chose Robert W. Edwards Surveyor of Highways

Town Meeting Continued

The Committee on the Cemetery submitted their report & plans which was accepted.

On Motion voted that the plans of the lots in the Cemetery be recommitted to the committee with authority to make any alterations therein they may deem expedient and that they be directed to prepare the grounds and offer the lots for choice and sale in accordance with the report.

On Motion voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to constitute a standing Committee on the Cemetery to be chosen hereafter annually in the month of March or April said Committee to have charge of the ground and funds which shall come into their hands in accordance with the direction of the Town from time to time and to expend the same in adorning and perfecting the grounds and to have the general superintendence of the same with authority to issue certificates to the accountant and make a record of the same and to submit a report of their doings at the annual meeting of the Town. Chase John Harrison P. W. Chamberlin Albert Bacon } Committee

A true Record Attest

Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting September 10th 1849

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town House in Bedford on Monday the tenth day of September next at two o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. The Poll for the choice of Representative to be open at ½ past 2 o'clock P.M. Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 By request of Samuel Sage and forty nine others to see what cause the town will pursue in relation to trespasses heretofore committed by individuals upon the public Fire Ladders and what measures are necessary for the future protection of the same

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to appear at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this thirty first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin J. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford

Town Meeting September 10th 1849

Middlesex ss. Bedford September 10th 1849
Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps } Constable
of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant & notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

The Selectmen opened the poll for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent the District No 11 in the Congress of the United States. The whole number of votes given in was one hundred and four and were for the following Persons Viz

John G Palfrey of Cambridge has fifty votes 50

Frederick Robinson of Charlestown has forty three votes 43

Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown has eleven votes 11

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Town Affairs

1st Chase Williams H. Tapes Moderator

2 On motion voted that in future the Foreman of the Hook & Ladder Company be authorized to have the charge of the Hook & Ladders to provide a place for their safe keeping and have the general care of the same.

A true Record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 12/49

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the twelfth day of November Inst. it being the Second Monday of said month at nine O'Clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth on one ballot and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Middlesex for the year ensuing. also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District No. Four in the Congress of the United States. The poll for the choice of the several Officers to open at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

Also to act on the following article of town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 By request of Joshua Jackson to see if the town will discontinue a piece of Road commencing at the County Road near Joshua Jacksons House and running past where the George Fish House formerly stood to the County Road.

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

And you are requested to serve this warant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin J. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford,

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford November 12th 1849

Pursuant to the within I have served this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy

attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner viz

Town Meeting November 12th 1849

The whole number of ballots brought in to the Selectmen for Governor was one hundred and sixty five and was for the following Persons

George S. Boutwell of Groton	82 votes
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem	50 "
George N. Briggs of Pittsfield	33 "

Lieut. Governor

Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston	83 "
John Mills of Springfield	50 "
John Reed of Yarmouth	33 "

The whole number of ballots brought in for Senators was one hundred and sixty two and was for the following Persons.

Joseph T. Buckingham of Cambridge	134 votes
Charles Wheatland of Woburn	131 "
Charles Thompson of Charlestown	134 "
Edwin Whitney of Stow	134 "
I. M. Graves of Lowell	134 "
Arnold Hutchinson of Pepperell	131 "
Gaspar Wentworth of Lowell	28 "
Alfred Allen of Somerville	28 "
Elisha Ellis of Hopkinton	28 "
John Hayes of Concord	28 "
Henry P. Fairbanks of Charlestown	28 "
Frederick A. Worcester of Townsend	28 "

For Representative to Congress whole number of ballots one hundred and sixty four

For Frederick Robinson of Charlestown	79 votes
" John G. Palfrey of Cambridge	58 "
" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown	27 "

Representative to General Court resulted in no choice

Town Meeting. June 15th Continued

Town again. Chose Charles Spalding Moderator

On motion voted that the subject be referred to the Selectmen to report to the town at some future meeting.

Reuben Bacon Esq. presen a report on the Case of Francis Willson vs Inhabitants of Bedford which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Town Clerk Office.

Ordered That the Execution vs the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford holed against Francis Willson fol 73.79 be committed to the care and custody of Isaac P. Bacon Town Treasurer and his successors in said Office.

On motion voted to adjourn

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 26th 1849

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty sixth day of November Inst. at 1/2 past twelve of the clock P.M. it being the fourth Monday of said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The polls for the choice of Representative to be opened at 1/2 past twelve of the Clock P.M.

Also to act on the following article of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Abner Wheeler to see if the town will give up their Mortgage they have on his Farm or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding the meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Town Meeting. November 26th 1849

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin J. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford November 26th 1849

Pursuant to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained in the warrant in the following manner viz. The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative which after two ballotings there being no choice on motion voted to adjourn the Meeting for the choice of Representative.

Town affairs

1st Chose Jonathan Bacon Moderator.

2 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to cancel the Mortgage held by the town on Abner Wheler Farm forthwith.

On the subject of the aforesaid article at the last town meeting the Selectmen submitted their report which was amended and accepted as amended. A true Record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting Jany 21st 1850

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty first day of January Inst at two Oclock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eleventh day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin F. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss Bedford January 21st 1850

Agreeably to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph B. Phelps } Constable
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk } of Bedford

Town Meeting January 21st 1850

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner. The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. Whole number of votes brought in were one hundred and twenty one and were for the following persons Viz

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had fifty five votes 55

Frederick Robinson of Charlestown had twenty six " 26

Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown had twenty " 21

Francis Coggswell of Bedford had twenty " 21

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A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1850

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine of the Clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. The poll for the choice of the above named Officer to be opened at nine O'clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles viz.

1st Article To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

3 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

4th " To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th " To raise money for repairing the Roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

6th " To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways the ensuing year.

7th " By request of John S. Davis to see if the town will fulfil a contract made by them June 19th 1847

March Meeting warrant Continued

8th " By request of Nathaniel C. Cutler to see if the town will procure a suitable pump for the Centre School District.

9th " By request of Eldridge Meriam to see if the town will rescind the town Vote or do any thing respecting the same.

10th " By invitation from the Citizens of Concord inviting the Citizens of Bedford to take part with them in celebrating the Anniversary of the first Battle of the Revolution.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty second day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon
Benjamin J. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford,

Middlesex Ss.

Bedford March 4th 1850

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the Time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps Constable

A true Copy, Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk of Bedford

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Town Meeting March 4th 1851

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner. The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. Whole number of Ballots that in were one hundred forty six and were for the following Persons viz

For	Isaac Coggswell of Bedford fifty one votes	51
"	John G Palfrey of Cambridge forty nine "	49
"	Hon. Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty seven	27
"	Frederick Robinson of Charlestown nineteen	19
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Town affairs

1st Choose John W. Simonds moderator.

2 For County Treasurer whole number of votes were one hundred fourteen all which were for Aldman Buttrick Esq of Concord 114 votes

3 Town Clerk Thomas Stiles was chosen Sworn

Selectmen Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Chosen & Sworn

On motion voted to defer the choice of Assessors & Clerk of Market meeting

Overseers of the Poor chose Isaac P. Bacon
William D. Reed
Thaddeus H. Davis

Town Meeting (Continued)

On motion the rule was suspended to enable John P. Reed to introduce a Resolve which was amended and accepted as amended and ordered to be placed on file in the Town Clerks Office

On motion voted to adjourn to meet March 5th at one of the Clock P.M.

March 5th 1850 the Inhabitants of the Town met agreeably to adjournment

Chose Isaac P. Bacon Town Treasurer

Constables Joseph Phelps } Chosen
Daniel Constantine }

On motion of Reuben Bacon jr voted that the Collector receive one pr cent on all the taxes committed to him to collect.

Chose Daniel Fitch Collector of taxes

On motion voted that the taxes shall be paid in the following manner viz. one half on the first Monday in October and the remainder on the first Monday in February if the first payment is not paid in twelve days the whole tax may be demanded and collected.

On motion voted that the Poll tax be collected at sight of all the Persons that are not permanent residents in Town.

Fence Viewers Chose Samuel Sage
Joseph Phelps Charles C. Gage
Edward Flint John P. Wood

Surveyors of Highways John Gage Uriah Goodwin
Francis Hosmer B. F. Cogges Wm Proctor
Stephen Hooker Francis Wilson Jno Allen
Joseph Skinner Charles Robinson

March 3 Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Wood & Bark Chase
Jonas Monroe Thomas Stiles John P. Reed
Nathan Fitch Abner B. Sage Wm Proctor

Field Drivers Chase Timothy Page Sylvanus Sawyer
William B. Sage John Bates Seth Whitford.
Abner B. Sage

Surveyors of Shingles John P. Reed Nathan C. Cutler

Surveyors of Lumber William A Sage Francis
Wilson Thomas B. Wasmer Nathan Fitch

Auditors Samuel Sage Jr. Albert J. Bacon

Funeral Undertaker Charles C. Gragg

Pound Keeper Benjamin G. Wasmer.

Fire wards Nathan C. Cutler Isaac P. Bacon
John Gragg Francis Wilson Joseph
Hartwell 2d Nathan C. Reed.

On motion voted that the Selectmen be instructed to furnish the Firewards with suitable Badges of their Office forth with.

On motion voted to postpone the unfinished business of the 3 Article to this meeting

4th voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as the last Year.
Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to remove the Manure and Lumber & Stones that obstruct the public Highways

5 Voted to raise four hundred Dollars to be expended in labor on the Public Highways

March 3 Meeting Continued

Voted to raise fifty Dollars in money to be expended on the Highways & Bridges under the direction of the Selectmen

Voted that all those Persons that have not had an opportunity to work their last years Highway taxes may work them under the direction of the old or new Surveyors of Highway.

6th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and public Highways.

7th voted to chose a committee of three Persons to confer with John S. Davis and settle with him if they can and report at April meeting.
Chose John P. Rud. Amos Hartwell.
and Jonathan Bacon.

8th Voted to refer the 8th article to a committee of seven Persons to consider the subject and report at April meeting. Chose P. W. Chamberlin. Thomas Stiles Amos B. Cutler Reuben Bacon George Simonds. E. B. Lane Michael Cushy

9th voted to refer the 9th article to the above committee to take into consideration the whole subject with instructions to consider the expediency of building a new School House for the Center District and report at April meeting.

10 Voted to chose a committee of ten Persons to confer with the Concord committee
Chose P. W. Chamberlin. Thomas Stiles. William C. Cutler A. B. Cutler. Sam[l] Hyman J. H. Simonds Sylvanus Spaulding Reuben Bacon Esq. E. B. Lane Timothy Page

March Meeting Continued

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Selectmen submitted their report on the expenses of the town which was referred to April meeting.

The Treasurer submitted his annual Report of the Finances of the town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Town Clerks Office.

On the subject of the waste Sluiceway near Wilsons Mills It was referred to the Selectmen

on Motion voted to adjourn

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1st 1851

Middlesex Ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the first day of April next at nine O'Clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for their County Commissioners and two Special County Commissioners all on one ballot. The poll for the choice of the above named Officers to be opened at ½ past nine A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the referred 3 article from March meeting relating to the choice of all necessary town Officers.

3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.

4th To hear a report of the School Committee and raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th To see what method the town will take in relation to the Ringing of the Bell and care of the town Hall.

6th By the Petition of Michael Crosby and thirty nine others to see if the town will petition the County Commissioners to locate a Road from Wilsons mills to the Road near the House of John S. Davis's or that of George W. King.

April Meeting Warrant Continued

7th To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to reappoint a Fire Engine Company or do any thing respecting the same.

8th By request of Isaac P. Bacon to see if the town will direct the presiding Officer at each succeeding annual town meeting to appoint a Chaplain who may offer Prayer when the meeting shall be organized.

9th By request of Samuel Wyman to see if the town will instruct their Prudential Committee to select and contract with the Teachers for their several Districts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 1st 1850

Pursuant to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting. Joseph Phelps } Constable

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 1st 1851

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for three County Commissioners and two Special County Commissioners.

Whole number of ballots brot in for County Commissioners was ninety two and were for the following Persons viz

Thomas H. Beard of Lowell had eighty three votes		83
Leonard Hunting of Yorkshire had eighty five	"	85
Simon Brown of Concord had eighty five	"	85
Thomas Beard of Lowell had two	"	2
Daniel S Richardson of Lowell had seven	"	7
Ebenezer Barker of Charlestown had seven	"	7
Samuel Adams of Townsend had seven	"	7

Whole number of ballots for Special Commissioners was ninety two and were for the following Persons viz

John Abbott of Acton had eighty five votes		85
Jahum Hardy of Waltham had eighty five	"	85
J. H. B. Frye of Lowell had seven	"	7
Wm Hastings of Framingham had seven	"	7

Town Affairs

1st Chose P. H. Chamberlin Moderator

2 Chose John P. Reed, Amos Hartwell, Nathl Cushing Reuben Bacon Esqr and Ebenezer P. Davis Assessors.

Highway Surveyors

Chose George Simonds in lieu of Henry Goodwin Declined

" Eldridge Merriam " " " Seth Whitten "

" Constantine Hill " " " Stephen Hosmer "

April Meeting Continued

School Committee Chase
Henry Hasmon William Proctor
and Albert F. Bacon.

Cemetery Committee Chase
John Mariam P.W. Chamberlain
and Albert Bacon.

3 Voted to raise Fifteen Hundred Dollars to
defray the ordinary charges of the town the
year ensuing. $1500.00

4th The School Committee submitted their Report
which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file
in the Town Office

Voted to raise eight Hundred Dollars for the
support of Schools the ensuing year $800.00

5th Voted to grant the ringing of the Bell at auction
that service to be performed in the same man-
ner as last year, the above service was struck
off to Albert F. Bacon for forty Dollars.

The care of the Town Hall was let to John C Bacon
for 12½ Cents for opening and closing and sweep-
ing after all meetings.

6th Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons
to meet the County Commissioners with instruc-
tions to oppose the layingout of a new Road
from Francis Wilsons Mills to the Road near Roger
Lanes House, or any alterations, provided that
they do not assess one half of the costs of said
Road, on the County.
Chose John P. Rich, Reuben Bacon Esq.
and Thomas Niles Committee

April Meeting Continued

7th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Fire Engine Company.

8th Voted in the negative.

9th Voted to instruct the Prudential Committee to select and contract with the Teachers in the several School Districts.

The Committee chosen at the last March meeting to consider the subject of repairing the town House & providing a Privy with instructions to consider the expediency of building a new School House, submitted their report which was voted to the next November meeting and chose a Committee of five Persons to submit a plan and its probable expense; chose Reuben Bacon Esq John G. Billings P. W. Chamberlin Wm G. Rice & George Simonds Committee

The Cemetery Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

Voted that the Cemetery be called Shawsheen Cemetery

Chose John Merriam P. W. Chamberlin and Albert Bacon. Standing Committee for the Cemetery.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 6th 1850

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the sixth day of May next at four O'clock P. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for two County Commissioners and two Special County Commissioners on one ballot. The Poll for the choice of the above named Offices to be opened at six past 4 O'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss. Bedford May 6th 1850. Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles
} Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 6th 1851

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner. The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for two County Commissioners and Two Special County Commissioners

Whole number of ballots brot in for County Commissioners was fifty one and was for the following Persons viz

For Leonard Hunting of Yorkshire fifty one votes 51
" Simeon Dixon of Concord fifty one votes 51

Whole number of Ballots for Special County Commissioners was fifty one & was for the following Persons viz

For Johnson Hardy of Waltham fifty one votes 51
" John Fletcher of Acton fifty one votes 51

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. May 27th 1850

Middlesex. ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty seventh day of May inst at two o'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. The Poll for the choice of the above named Officer to be open at two o'clock

also to act on the following articles in town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Mrs Deborah Gragg to see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to give her a note for one thousand Dollars to replace one that she has lost. or do anything respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Town Meeting Warant Continued

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford. May 27th 1851
Agreeably to the within I have served this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the notable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner. The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent the 24th District in the Congress of the United States. Whole number of ballots that in was ninety nine and was for the following persons

For John G. Palfrey of Cambridge fifty three votes 53

" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty votes 20

" Francis Coggswell of Bedford twenty six votes 26

Town Meeting. May 2d 1831 Continued

1st Chose Reuben Bacon Esq Moderator.

2 Voted to instruct the Treasurer to give Mrs Deborah Gage a new note to replace one that she has lost provided that she give an indemnifying bond against all costs and trouble that may accrue thereupon.

Reuben Bacon Jr Submitted a preamble and Resolution which was accepted and placed on file in the Town Clerk Office.

Voted to adjourn adopted.

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting. August 19th 1850

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the nineteenth day of August inst at two o'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District No four in the Congress of the United States. The Poll for the choice of the named Officer to be opened at ½ past 2 O'Clock.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

3 By request of Reuben Bacon Esqr & others to see what cause the town will take in relation to building a new Road near Wilsons Mills.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Given under our hands at Bedford this 1st the day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
P. W. Chamberlin }
Amos B. Cutler } of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford August 19th 1850

Agreeably to the within I have notified this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps } Constable
of Bedford

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the voters Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner. The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States whole number of ballots brought in was ninety four and were for the following Persons viz

John G Palfrey of Cambridge forty three votes 43

Richard Frothingham of Charlestown twenty two votes 22

Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown nine votes 9

Town Meeting August 19th 1851 Continued

1st Chose John H Simonds Moderator

2 on motion voted to refer the 2 article to the next November meeting

3 Voted to add one to the Committee chose at the last April meting,
Chose P. H. Chamberlin a member of that Committee

On motion voted to instruct the Committee to examine the several routs upon the County Commissioners come on to locate the Road, and use their influence to make the Commissioners agree as much of the costs of building said Road as they can upon the County.

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for town Meeting October 11th 1851

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the fourteenth day of Oct Inst at four o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs viz

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To see what course the town will take in relation to building the Road laid out by the County

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Com missioners from John. M. Hanscomb
to Roger Lanes. or do any thing respecting
the Same.

And you are requested to serve
this warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the Public Meeting
Houses in Bedford nine days before
the time for holding this meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the
Town Clerk at the time for holding this meeting

Given under our hands at Bedford this
fifth day of October in the year one thousand
eight hundred and fifty

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutter
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford October 11th 1850
Agreeably to the within I have served this
warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses
in Bedford nine days before the time
for holding this meeting

Joseph B. Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 11th 1851

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained in the warant in the following maner

1st Chose George Simonds moderator

2 On motion voted to choose a Committee to carry out the order of the County Commissioners

Chose Reuben Bacon Esq
John P. Reed
Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin Esq
} Committee

On motion voted to instruct the above Committee to cause the sluice to be not less than twenty ~~twenty~~ feet wide between the Abutments and to have eleven sleepers to be of eastern pine fourteen inches deep by seven inches thick.

on motion voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 11th 1850

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eleventh day of November Inst it being the second Monday of said month at nine O'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States. Also to bring in their votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for six Senators for the Middlesex District on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. You will give the choice of the above named Officers to be open at least nine O'clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2d To hear a report of a Committee chosen at the last April meeting in relation to a new School House for the Centre District with instructions to submit a plan and if probable expense at this meeting or do any thing respecting the same

November Meeting Warant Continued

53 To act on the reports made from August meeting & in relation to a list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen at that meeting

And you are required to serve this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Thomas Stiles
J. H. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford November 11th 1850
Agreeably to the within I have served this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy, attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner viz the Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants

November Meeting Continued

So being in their votes for the aforenamed Offices which resulted in the following manner. Whole number of ballots brot in for representative to Congress was one hundred fifty six and were for the following Persons viz.

For John G. Palfrey of Cambridge sixty nine votes 69
" Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown sixty five " 65
" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty two " 22

Whole number of Ballots brot for a Representative to the Thirty second Congress was one hundred fifty nine and were for the following Persons viz.

For John G Palfrey of Cambridge sixty nine votes 69
" Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown sixty four " 64
" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty two " 22

Whole number of ballots brot in for Governor was one hundred fifty eight and were for the following Persons viz.

For George S. Boutwell of Groton eighty votes 80
" Stephen C. Phillips of Salem fifty four " 54
" George N. Briggs of Pittsfield twenty four " 24

Whole number of ballots brot in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred fifty eight and were for the following Persons viz.

For Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston seventy eight votes
" Amasa Walker of North Brookfield fifty nine votes
" John Reed of Yarmouth twenty five "

Whole number of ballots brot in for Senators was one hundred fifty nine and were for the following Persons viz.

November Meeting Continued

Voted Nathaniel P. Banks Jr of Waltham one hundred thirty four votes 134
" Luke Bellington of Ashby one hundred thirty four " 134
" James. M. Usher of Medford one hundred thirty three " 133
" Henry Wilson of Natick one hundred thirty two " 132
" Joseph B. Buckingham of Cambridge one hundred thirty four " 134
" John H Gray of Lowell one hundred thirty four " 134
" Samuel Hoar of Concord twenty five " 25
" Hamer Bartlett of Lowell twenty four " 24
" Henry P Sanborn of Charlestown twenty four " 24
" Uriah Chamberlin of Malden twenty four " 24
" John Boynton of Groton twenty four " 24
" Joshua Nutter of Waltham twenty four " 24

Voted Representative to General Court whole number of ballots put in was one hundred thirty nine Francis Conant had eighty one votes and was declared elected to that office

Town affairs

1st Chose John W Simonds moderator

2 The Committee submitted their report of a plan and its probable expense of a School House for the Center District.

On motion of John P. Reed voted that the whole subject of the former reports be referred back to the Committee and that they take into consideration the subject of a High School. And that one from each of the outer Districts be added to the Committee and report at next March meeting. Chose John P. Reed Nathan Tilden Benjamin F. Hastings William Clark. to constitute the addition from the out Districts.

3 The list of jurors presented by the Selectmen at a meeting held in August last and referred to this meeting was taken up

November Meeting Continued

3. Article Continued On motion of Reuben Bacon Jr. voted that the names of the persons presented by the Select men for the acceptance of the town as Jurors, be taken from the list, and the requisite number be nominated at large by the meeting, and then a number of names not exceeding sixty shall have been proposed, the Voters proceed to mark each against a number of names not exceeding the number required to constitute a list of Jurors, and that the persons having the highest number of mark be substituted in place of those taken from the list, and if upon a count there shall not be a choice of the requisite number to proceed to mark against the remaining names having the highest number until the vacancies are filled.

Agreeable to the above vote sixty persons were nominated and the voters were called upon to mark against fifteen of the names and the fifteen that had the highest number of marks were presented to the town and accepted to constitute a list of Jurors. On motion voted to adjourn

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warant for Town Meeting Jany 20th 1851

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requisted to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twentieth day of January Inst. at one O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District number four in the Thirty first Congress of the United States. Also to bring in their votes for a Representatives to represent District number four in the thirty second Congress of the United States. The Poll for the choice of the above named Officers to be open at ½ past one of the Clock P.M.

Also to act on the following article of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Eldridge Merriam and others to see if the town will cause the valuation for 1850 to be printed in pamphlet form with the expenses of the town or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

Given under our hands at Bedford
this eleventh day of January in the
year one thousand eight hundred and
fifty one

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos D. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford January 20th 1851
Agreeably to the within I have Served this
Warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the public Meeting
Houses in Bedford nine days before the
time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy,
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice
the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met
and acted on the matters contained in the
warrant in the following manner the
poll was opened by the Selectmen for the
Inhabitants to bring in their votes for the
afore named Officers which resulted in the
following manner viz

For John G Palfrey of Cambridge had fifty nine votes 59
" Richard Fullingham jr Charlestown forty three votes 43
" Hon Benjamin Thompson Charlestown had six votes 26

Whole number of ballots brot in for a Representative to the thirty second Congress was
one hundred and thirty and were for the
following persons viz

Town Meeting January 21st 1851

For	John G. Palfrey of Cambridge	fifty nine Votes	59
"	Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown	forty five	45
"	Hon Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown	twenty six Vote	26
			130

Town affairs.

1st Choose Reuben Bacon jr moderator.

2 Voted to have the valuation of eighteen hundred and fifty printed in pamphlet form with the Expenses of the town comprising the value of each Persons estate both Real & Personal with the number of acres each contains with the tax assessed on the same

A true Record

Attest Thomas Stites Town Clerk

Warrant for town Meeting March 3 1851

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the third day of March next at ten O'Clock A. M. to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2 To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 To determin the manner of repairing the roads and bridges the year ensuing.

4th To raise money for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

5th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing.

6th To bring in their votes votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

7th To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex.

8th By request of John M Hanscomb and twenty others to see if the town will build a new School House for the East School District or do any thing respecting the same.

March 3rd Meeting Warrant Continued

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this tenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford,

Middlesex S.S. Bedford March 3 1851.
Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and at the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

Town Meeting. March 3 1851

2 Town Clerk Thomas Stiles was chosen and sworn.

Selectmen { Thomas Stiles, P. W. Chamberlin, Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

On motion voted to adjourn to one Oclock P.M.
Afternoon Session
One Oclock the town met agreeably to adjournment

Assessors { John F. Reed, Reuben Bacon, Samuel Sage jr. } Sworn

Overseers of Poor { William D. Reed, Thaddeus H. Davis, Myes L. Brown }

P. W. Chamberlin was chosen Treasurer
Funeral Undertaker Charles C. Gragg.

Voted to let out the collecting of taxes at auction to the lowest bidder the giveing assurance to the Selectmen that he will procure bonds for faithfull when he shall have been chosen to that Office.
The above service was struck off to Daniel Constantine jr. for $21.75

Chose Daniel Constantine } Collector

Constables { Joseph Phelps, Daniel Constantine } Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber William S. Sage Thomas S. Hosmer
William D. Reed Nathan Fitch
Joseph Hartwell 2

Town Meeting March 3 1851

Jonas Monroe Thomas Stiles

Erasmus G. Reed Town Clerk John P. Kyle Nathan Fitch
William Foster Abner B. Sage

Surveyors of Shingles John P. Kyle Amos B. Cutler
Moses Page 2d

Surveyors of Highways. Eldridge H. Stearns Peter Tanner
Nathan C. Rice William Clark
Thomas C. Cutler Stephen Hooker
George H. Smith Abner O. Tanner
Eldridge Hartwell George H. Sage
Obed Stearns Luther Eaton

Field Drivers Job B. Sage Christopher M. Moses
Samuel Sage Silas Wellmans
Jonas Putnam Daniel Page

Auditors Albert Bacon & Samuel Sage Jr.

Pound Keeper Silas Brooks

Fire Wards Joseph Phelps William A. Sage
Abner O. Tanner William C. Reed
Abner B. Sage Charles H. Butterfield
Cyrus Page

Voted to open the unfinished business of the 2d article of the warrant to this Meeting.

3d Voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as last year.

4th Voted to raise four hundred and fifty Dollars to be expended in labor on the Highways.

5th Voted to restrain Cattle Horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways.

Town Meeting March 3 1851 Continued

6th For County Treasurer Whole number of votes were one hundred and twenty
Sledman Buttrick of Concord have one hundred and thirteen votes 113
John S Keyes of Concord had seven votes 7

7th For County Register of Deeds Whole number of votes were one hundred and nineteen
Samuel Hill of Woburn had ninety seven 97
Caleb Haydon of Cambridge had twenty two votes 22

8th Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to examine the East School House and see if it is with enlarging & repairing if it is not to put the expense of a new House suitable for the wants of the District at the next April meeting.
Chose Elijah Brown John P. Reed 2d
William D. Reed.

The Selectmen submitted their Annual Report on the expenses of the town which was referred to the next April meeting.

The Overseers of the Poor submitted their report voted to condense the same so as to give the amount of each article and the cost of the same.

On motion of Reuben Bacon Jr voted that the Overseers of the Poor be and hereby are instructed not to pay anything for the support of Persons out of the poor establishment except what is absolutely unavoidable.

On motion voted to adjourn
A true record
Attest Thomas Wiles Town Clerk

Warrant for town meeting April 7th 1831

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the seventh day of April next at nine of the Clock A.M. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent said District in the Congress of the United States. The poll for the choice of the above named Officer to be open at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the reports article from March meeting relating to the choice of all necessary town Officers.

3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

4th To hear a report of the School Committee and raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th To see what method the the town will take in relation to the Bell and care of the town Hall.

6th To request of William Clark to see if the town will build a new Pound for the west School District and enclose their land (purchased of Stephen Haynes) with a suitable fence or do any thing respecting the same.

Warrant for April Meeting Continued

Art 7th By request of John P. Reed to see if the town will build a new School House for the North School District equally to a vote of said District.

8th By request of Silas Lane to see if the town will any measures to recover the expense incurred for the support of Silas Lane or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty seventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford April 7th 1851.
Pursuant to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps
Constable of Bedford

A true copy, attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 7th 1851

1st Legally to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained in the warrant in the following manner. The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the qualified Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States which resulted in the following manner viz.

For John G. Palfrey of Cambridge sixty eight votes 68

" Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown Thirty four votes 34

" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty one votes 21

Town affairs chose John H. Simonds moderator.

2 Chose Henry Wasmer, George Simonds, Leander Clark } School Committee

Cemetery Committee John Merriam, P. H. Chamberlin, Albert Bacon

3 Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year $1500.00

4th The School Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

Voted to raise eight hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year. $800.00

5th Voted to have the Bell rung in the same manner as last year agreeably with a vote passed in 1849 Vide page 78 this book Care of the town Hall. That service to be performed agreeable with the above named vote passed April 1849

April Meeting Continued

5th Voted to let the ringing of the Bell and care of the town Hall at auction. The ringing of the Bell was struck off to Thomas B. Hastings for $35.50 Care of the town Hall struck off to James Hunnewell for one with a time for performing the service agreeably with the aforenamed vote.

Voted to adjourn to meet at ½ past one O Clock P.M. ½ past one O Clock town met agreeably to adjournment.

6th Voted to choose a Committee to carry in to effect the sixth article chose William Clark
Benjamin F. Hartwell
Reuben Bacon Esq.

7th Voted to choose a Committee of three persons with instructions to report at the next town meeting the expense of repairing the Old School House for the expense of a new House suitable for the accommodation of the South District.

Chose { John Gray, William L. Reed, Amos Hartwell } Committee

8th Voted that the subject matter of the eighth article be refered to the board of Overseers of the Poor with power to take and pursue such measures in relation thereto as they may deem the interest of the town require.

The following order presented by Reuben Bacon was passed & Ordered that a Committee be appointed by the Chair to petition the Legislature now in session for aid in the erection of a Monument to Capt. Jonathan Wilson who was killed in the siege for independance April 19th 1775 chose Francis Coggswell Jonathan Bacon & Cyrus Page Committee

3 April. Meeting Continued

The Committee chosen at the last April meeting to submit a plan and the probable expense of a School House for the Centre District and report at the November meeting which was refused back at that meeting with instructions to consider the subject of a high school, on that subject the Committee report that it is inexpedient at present to go into arrangements for a high school which report was accepted. The report on the subject of a school House was submitted and refused back to the same Committee with instructions to report the cost of a piece of land belonging to Sylvanus Lawrence lying east of the town Hall for the purpose of setting a town Hall and school House upon and report at the next town meeting.

The Committee on the subject of the East School House chosen at the last March meeting submitted their report which was refused to the next town meeting.

The Selectmens report on the expenses of the town and printing of the valuation of 1851 was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

Voted to adjourn

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 26/51

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty sixth day of May Inst at two O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent District number four in the Congress of the United States. The Polls for the choice of the above Officer to be opened at ½ past two O'Clock P.M.

Also to act on the following article of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this fourteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Thomas Stiles
N. Chamberlin
Amos Cutler
} Selectmen of Bedford

Town Meeting May 26th 1851

Middlesex ss Bedford May 26th 1851

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Notable Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner Whole number of ballots brot in Voice one hundred forty one and we for the following persons viz

For — John G. Palfrey of Cambridge one hundred three votes 103

" Hon. Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown twenty eight " 28

" Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown ten " 10

Town affairs.

1st Chose Francis Coggswell moderator

2d The Committee chosen at the last Septr meeting on the subject of a new School House for the 5th District submitted their report which with the East & South was severally referred to next November meeting with instructions to the Selectmen to insert an article in the warrant for that meeting relating to the above subject

A true record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 10th 1851

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford (Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs (to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the tenth day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth. and six Senators for the Middlesex District and a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. All the votes for the above named Officers shall be put in one sealed envelope. The votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Senators on one ballot the votes for Representative on a separate ballot.

The polls for the choice of the above named Officers to be open at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

Also to give in their votes on the following question viz Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the deferred business of May meeting in relation to School Houses (in the South East and North District) or do any thing respecting

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9th building a new or repairing the old School Houses in said Districts.

10th To act upon the request of the Overseers of the Poor, to see if the Town will cause the Buildings on the Towns farm to be insured.

11th To see if the town will provide seats in the Town Hall for the accommodation of public meetings.

and you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses, in Bedford, nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to our selves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Amos B. Cutter
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss Bedford November 11th 1851
Agreeable to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy, attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 11th 1851

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner viz

The pole was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and for Six Senators and for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court. Which being Sorted and counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and are as follows The whole number of ballots for Governor was one hundred and eighty six

George S. Boutwell of Groton had ninety three votes 93

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge fifty nine votes 59

Robert C. Winthrop of Boston had thirty four votes 34

For Lieutenant Governor the whole number of ballots was one hundred eighty five

Henry H. Cushman of Dunstable had ninety two votes 92

Amasa Walker of North Brookfield fifty nine votes 59

George Grennell of Greenfield had thirty four votes 34

For Senators the whole number of ballots was one hundred eighty nine.

Charles R. Train of Framingham had thirty five votes 35
Elisha Huntington of Lowell had thirty five " 35
Henry P. Fairbanks of Charlestown had thirty four " 34
John Boynton of Groton had thirty four " 34
Josiah Cutler of Waltham had thirty four " 34
Micah Chamberlain of Groton had thirty four 34

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Charles C. Hazewell of Concord had one hundred and fifty four votes 154
Henry Wilson of Natick had one hundred and fifty four votes 154
Othamar H. Beard of Lowell had one hundred and fifty two votes 152
Anson Burlingame of Cambridge had one hundred and fifty six votes 156
Joseph Fuller of Framingham had one hundred and fifty six votes 156
Samuel E. Sewall of Stoneham had one hundred and fifty six votes 156

Upon the subject of chusing Delegates to meet in Convention for the purpose of Revising or altering the Constitution. One hundred and fifty voted in the affirmative and thirty three in the negative.

Town Affairs

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

2 Voted to dissolve the business of the second article to next March meeting.

3 Voted to empower the Overseers of the Poor to cause the Buildings on the Towns Farm to be Insured

4th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to procure suitable seats for the Town Hall.

After balloting twice for a representative which resulted in no choice, on motion, voted to adjourn to Tuesday November eleventh at nine O'Clock in the forenoon.

Town Meeting. Nov 11th 1851

The Town met agreeably to adjournment. The polls was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Representative which on the fourth ballot resulted in the choice of John W. Simmonds.

A true Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1852

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the first day of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing.

3 To choose all necessary town Officers for the ensuing year

4 To act on the unfinished business from former

5th To see what method the town will take for the

Warrant for town Meeting Continued

6th To raise money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

7th To act to see if the town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to establish a Public Library within the town in accordance with the Act of May 28th 1851 or do anything respecting the same.

8th By request of the Center School District to see if the town will Grant said District three months of the money appropriated for Schools instead of two sixths which they now receive or do anything respecting the same.

9th By request of Michael Crosby to see if the town will refund the sum of one hundred Dollars given by him in building the Crosby Road or do anything respecting the same.

10th By request of Sylvanus Sawyer to see if the town will purchase a piece of land under the East side of the town Hall or do anything respecting the same.

11th By request of Francis Wilson and 17 others to see if the town will relinquish to said Wilson one Execution laid against him by said town in the sum of $330 being the expense incurred defending the lawsuit brought by said Wilson against said town.

12th By request of P.W. Chamberlin. To see if the town will constitute them Pauper establishment a Poor House in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth

13th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of

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Warrant for town Meeting Continued

To the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

[illegible] P. W. Chamberlin } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford March 1st 1852

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

Chose John M. Simonds moderator.

Whole number of votes for County Treasurer one hundred and twenty six

[illegible] John S Hayes & Nemuel nineteen votes ... 19

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Town Meeting. March 1st 1852

53 Town Clerk Thomas Stiles was chosen and sworn

Selectmen — Thomas Stiles, P. W. Chamberlin, Charles Spalding } Sworn

Assessors — Isaac P. Bacon, John P. Reed, Elnathan P. Davis } Sworn

Treasurer P. W. Chamberlin chosen and sworn

Constables — Joseph Phelps, Daniel Constantine } Sworn

On motion voted to let the collecting of taxes to the lowest bidder that service was struck off to Isaac L. Watts for $22.00

Chase Castalio Hosmer Collector Sworn

On motion voted to pay Castalio Hosmer the amount of his bill for collecting the taxes which was $22.50

Surveyors of Lumber — William G. Reed, Francis Wilson, Amos Cutler, Nathan Giles

Surveyors of Wood & Bark — Albert Bacon, Thomas Stiles, Jonas Monroe, Charles E. Gleason

Surveyors of Highways — Job B. Sage, Henry Wood, Edmund Hoar, John A. Morgan, Eldridge Jones, Francis Cogswell, Uriah Goodnow, S. J. Davis, Constantine Wife, Amos Cutler, Amos Holbrook, Stephen Haynes 2d

March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Shingles — John P. Reed
Amos B. Cutler

Three Viewers — S. Davis
Daniel Twiss
Wiam Clark

Field Drivers — Jonathan Sawin A. P. Reed
William Thomas Brown S. Cutler
Elijah W. Stearns

Pound Keeper — Abel Hunt.

Sealer of Leather Charles O. Gragg
Auditors William Cushing Cyrus Page
Voted to refer the unfinished business of the 3 Article
to April meeting.

1st Voted to refer the 4th Article to April meeting.

3rd Voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as last year.

6th Voted to raise nine hundred Dollars for the repair of the roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

7th Voted to choose a Committee of nine Persons to submit at the next April meeting a plan and a place for the Library and the Cost of the same and the Kind of Books that shall be selected and the expence of the same, a Librarian. Chose Albert Bacon, Rev. Wm Cushing, Abel B. Adams, Francis Coggswell, Reuben Bacon jr.
Voted to refer the 8th Article to the next April meeting

9th Voted in the negative.

March Meeting Continued

11th Voted to choose a Committee of two persons to confer with Sylvanus Lawrence and report at the next April Meeting.
Chas Reuben Bacon Esqr
P. W. Chamberlin "
John P. Reed
} Committee

11th Voted in the negative.

12th Voted in the affirmative

13 Voted to restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways.

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

The Selectmen & Overseers submitted their report on the expenses of the town which was accepted as amended and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

The Treasurer submitted a report on the finances of the town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Selectmen submitted a copy of Taxbee Howes will which was read and on motion voted to accept the same, and the Clerk ordered to copy the same into the records of the town and the copy placed on file in the Clerks Office

A true record
Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Copy of Zadoc Howes Will

"I Zadoc Howe of Billerica in the County of Middlesex & Comth of Mass^{ts} Physician, under a deep sense of the uncertainty of life, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament as follows, namely,

Article 1st I direct my Executor to pay all my debts & charges against me or incurred in the settlement of my worldly estate.

Article 2 I give and bequeath to my brother Solomon Howe residing in Alexandria in the County of Jefferson & State of N. York, yeoman, if he be living at my decease Twenty dollars.

Article 3 I give & bequeath unto each of the children of my deceased brother Willis Howe, and to each of the children of my deceased sister Sally Smith & to each of the children of my said brother Solomon Howe, the sum of Ten dollars. All of said legatees are supposed to reside in the State of N. York; their names, number, residence & occupation are unknown to me, the said sum of $10. to be paid to each of said nephews & nieces living at my decease or to their order.

Article 4th I give & bequeath unto Susan Swetser, wife or widow of Gen. Henry Swetser of Concord in the State of N. Hampshire, if she be living at my decease, the sum of Nine hundred Dollars.

Article 5th I give & bequeath to the Mass^{tts} Bible Society Three thousand dollars to be added unconditionally to the fund of said corporation & I direct this legacy to be paid from the first available funds my Executor may receive from my estate.

Article 6th Wishing a desire to promote the cause of education in the Town of Billerica where I resided & the vicinity thereof, I hereby give, bequeath & devise unto Marshall Poston of Lexington, Silas Baldwin, Wm. G. Oliver, James R. Faulkner, Cyrus Foster, C. H. Wellman & Amos Spalding the six persons last named all of Billerica, & their survivors & successors, that Lot of Land in Billerica known as the Enoch Lot - situated opposite Mr. Samuel Fosters house.

And also all the rest residue & remainder of all the real personal & mixed estate of which I shall die seized & possessed to be held by them their survivors & successors forever absolutely & in fee but upon the trusts conditions & for the purposes herein contained, namely, to maintain and erect upon said Emmitt Lot a suitable building for an Academy for the education of youths, to be kept and maintained upon said land forever, the school is intended not for the admission of small children, but for instruction in the higher branches of English education, & such other studies as are required of young men preparatory to entering College; and I direct said building to be built of brick, to have brick copings & slate roof & to be otherwise rendered fire proof so as nearly as may be done, and authorise a sum not exceeding Seven thousand dollars to be taken out of said Trust Fund or the income thereof & applied to the erection & furnishing of said Academy & direct said building to be completed at or before the expiration of five years from the time of my decease, I also direct the said trust Fund, except said Emmitt Lot of land, and any accrued or accumulated rents, interest, dividends or net income derived from any part of said Fund, not expended as aforesaid in erecting & furnishing said Academy, to be kept united or otherwise placed at interest & yielding income prudently invested, & I direct the net income thereof, after deducting all proper expenses & charges against said Fund, to be from time to time judiciously applied to or towards the support & maintainance of said Academy as a place of education for youth; with the provise however that if any portion of the said principal Fund donated to the support of said Academy, shall be lost, and said Fund be thereby in any way reduced the net income thereafter accruing from said Trust Fund, I direct to be accumulated by said Trustees or their successors, until the original amount of said Trust Fund shall be fully restored, It is my wish that the children in the neighboring towns shall

Zadoc Howes Will Continued

receive apart of the benefits of said Academy upon equal terms shall not be excluded from admission to said school by any regulation of said Trustees. I request the Judge of Probate of this said County of Middlesex, to require no bonds to be given by said Trustees, or their successors in said office, & I authorize the said Judge to fill any vacancies in said Board of Trustees hereon occasioned, whether made before or after my decease, whenever noticed of such vacancy, so as to keep said Board full, as near so as may be, all the time, excepting my earnest desire, that in filling vacancies, there may be no religious partizan of a sectarian character excited or exerted, & also apply the same injunction with regard to political opinions of the candidates for filling such vacancies.

Article 7th I name & appoint Wm H. Odiorne Executor of this my will, and hereby revoke & annul all other former wills at any time before by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal & publish & declare this instrument to be my last will on this 31st day of January A.D. 1836 at Billerica.

(Zadoc Howe (Seal)

At the place above named & on the day & year named, the said Zadoc Howe signed sealed & published & declared the above written instrument to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our names as witnesses at his request & in his presence & each in the presence of the others. The word die on page 2, the word not on same page entitioned before signed. John Baldwin. Elizabeth E. Baldwin. Helen Cross.

Billerica Dec 22 1851 The above is a true copy of the original will, and in compliance with a vote of said Trustees, is hereby certified to the Selectmen of the neighboring towns.

Attest Geo H Whitman Secretary of the Trustees

A true Copy

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1852

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections
and in town affairs to meet at the Town House
in Bedford on Monday the fifth day of April next
at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the
following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the unfinished business commenced
at meeting relating to Town Officers.

3d To raise money for the ordinary charges of the
Town the ensuing year.

4th To raise money for the support of Schools
the ensuing year.

5th To see what method the town will take in relation
to the ringing of a Bell and care of the town Hall.

6th By request of Constantine Hill to see if the
town will make a new assessment for
him his proportion of School money not paid
or do any thing respecting the first acts of
town relating to that subject.

7th By request to see if the town will procure
an additional quantity of base for the use
of their [illegible]

8 To hear a report of the Committee chosen
at March meeting in relation to a town
Library and act thereon.

9th To hear a report of the Committee chosen at the
last March meeting in relation to a piece of land
under the Town House and act thereon.

April Meeting Warrant Continued

11th To act on the referred 8th article from March meeting relating to School Money in the Sixth District

11th To act on the referred 9th article from March meeting relating to School Houses.

12th To see if the town will accept of a Straightening in the Highway in the South part of the town near the House of Eldridge Harmon as laid out by the Selectmen. March 11th 1832

13th By request of the Overseers of the Poor to see if the town will make any repairs on their House at the Town House.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty-fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Thomas Stiles
N. H. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 5th 1832

Agreeably to the within Warrant I have posted this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting April 5th 1859

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant issued to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston met and acted upon the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

2 Chose Samuel Sage Surveyor of highways in place of Elbridge Jones declined.
Charles Spalding was chosen Surveyor of highway in place of Henry Wood declined.

Assessors William O. Rice. Isaac P. Bacon.
Thomas C. Cutler Joseph Phelps.
John C. Billings.

Cemetery Committee P. H. Chamberlin. Albert Bacon
Isaac P. Bacon.

The School Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

School Committee William Cushing
Abel B. Adams
Geo. Simonds

3 Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges the ensuing year $1500.00

4th Voted to raise eight hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of Schools and thirty five Dollars in addition for the use of the Centre District $885.00

5th Voted That the Bell be let by auction the Town reserving the right to choose any person who may bid for the same at their lowest bid and that the bell be rung at 12 Oclock M. and 9 P.M. on all days, Sundays, Fasts & Thanksgiving days excepted. That Bell was let to Luther B. Butler for twenty two Dollars fifty cents, Chas Luther B. Butler, bell ringer

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Town Meeting April 5th 1852 Continued

5th Voted to have Wait's bell to Sound for ten cents for opening & closing & Sweeping before and after all meetings.

6th Voted to reject the 6th article to the Selectmen to report at the next town meeting.

7th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to purchase one hundred feet of new hose for the use of the Fire Engine.

Voted to choose three persons to act as foremen in the absence of a Fire Company

Chose Charles O. Cragg, Charles M. Billingsley Samuel Sage Jr.

8th The Committee on petition then report which was not accepted.

9 Voted to indefinitely postpone the report made of the ninth article

10th Voted That six hundred dollars of the money raised and appropriated by the town for the support of common Schools be divided equally among the five Districts and that the remainder of the School money be devoted to the support of one annual Masters School to be kept in the center of the town for the use of the whole town and that the general School Committee together with the agents of the several Districts be a Committee to employ the Teacher and to make all necessary regulations respecting said School

11th Voted I will not postpone the 11th Article.

12 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in the layout of a Street in the lower part of the town near the House of Eldridge Mariano which report is as follows

Upon the request of Eldridge Merriam we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Bedford have laid out a Straightening for the use of said town in the road in the Southerly part of the town upon the estate of John Merriam Esq now occupied by the said Eldridge Merriam. Beginning upon the north side of said Road at a Stake and Stones at Sand of Aaron Bell thence running in an Easterly direction by a course upon the land of the said John Merriam about two hundred and ten (210) feet to bounds the said Aaron Bell course upon the land of the said Merriam to the widest place about fifteen feet the road as straightened to be three rods wide the bounds being upon the north side no land damage is awarded to the said John Merriam in consideration of the straightening it is distinctly understood and agreed that the said Merriam shall return all land damage and the fence and build the road at the Straightening at his own expense to the satisfaction of the town when straightening is hereby reported to the town for acceptance

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
D. B. Chamberlin }
Charles Spaulding } Bedford

Bedford March 16th 1852

I hereby assent to and agree to the condition of the within report

Eldridge Merriam
for John Merriam

15th Voted that the Selectmen and Overseers be a Committee to repair the House at the towns Farm as they think proper.

Town Meeting April 5th 1852 Continued

Preamble offered by P. H. Chamberlin.

Whereas it appears by the report of the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee made this day that the said Committee have received from John Abraham Esqr the sum of one hundred dollars offered by him to the town for the purpose of aiding and procuring and fitting up a new Cemetery.

The original on file

Therefore upon motion it is voted that the town hereby express their thanks to John Abraham Esquire for his generous and valuable aid in the establishment of the Shawsheen Cemetery and that a copy of this preamble and vote be given by the town Clerk to the donor

The Selectmen presented the following communication received by them from Miss C. M. Tilden

Gentlm

The Alleviating Bed-Stead, purchased for the relief of Mrs Wellis and since used by Mr Goodwin having now disengaged, I would offer it to the acceptance of the Town of Bedford. Should it be required I will attend to its removal from Mr G's to whatever place you may designate. Hoping it may be very long ere its services are again required. I remain Gentlm respectfully C. M. Tilden.

To the Selectmen of the town of Bedford. March 9th 1852.

Voted That the town accept the offer contained in the above, and that the Clerk is hereby requested to tender the thanks of the Town to Miss Tilden, for the kind attention she has manifested towards the unfortunate, by the gift of so valuable an article & compliment for their use.

Bedford April 10th 1852. Agreeably with the above request I have tendered a copy of this vote to the person within named.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Thomas Stiles Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. November 2 1852

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the second day of November next at one O'Clock P.M. it being the next Tuesday after the first Monday of said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Fifteen Electors for President and Vice President of the United States two from among the people at large and one from each Congressional District within the Commonwealth all on one ballot. The Poll for the choice of the Electors to be opened at ½ past one O'Clock P.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st Article To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen across the South side of the Common

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at said Bedford this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Thomas Miles } Selectmen
W. H. Cumberline }
Charles Spalding } of Bedford

Warrant for November Election Continued

Middlesex ss. Bedford November 2 1852
Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Voting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph B Phelps } Constable
} of
} Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. Whole number of ballots was one hundred and sixty nine

For Electors at Large

Hopkins C Phillips of Salem had seven votes
James Fowler of Westfield had seventy votes
Charles G. Greene of Boston had sixty five votes
James S. Whitney of Conway had sixty five votes
Abiel C. Winthrop of Boston had thirty three votes
George Bliss of Springfield had thirty three votes
Phinny Cutler of Boston had one vote
Edward A. Newton of Pittsfield had one vote

District No 1
John H Shaw of Nantucket had seventy votes
S. B. Phinney of Barnstable had sixty five votes
J. H. B. Page of Lee had thirty three votes
Hiram Gifford of Provincetown had one vote

No 2
William H. Wood of Middleboro had seventy votes
Edward Cazneau of Hingham had sixty five votes
George A. Crocker of Taunton had thirty three votes
Isaac Ray of Attleboro had one vote

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District No 3
Edward S. Keyes of Dedham had seventy votes
Caleb Stetson of Braintree had sixty nine "
John Gardner of Dedham had thirty three "
Frederick W Lincoln of Canton had one vote

No 4
Timothy Gilbert of Boston had seventy votes
Isaac Adams of Boston had sixty nine "
Amos Lawrence of Boston had thirty three "
William Hayden of Boston had one vote

No 5
John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had seventy votes
Benjamin F Butler of Boston had sixty nine "
Robert G. Shaw of Boston had thirty three "
George T. Curtis of Boston had one vote

No 6
John G. Whittier of Amesbury had seventy votes
Jonathan Mayson of Amesbury had sixty nine "
Daniel C. Bailey of Lynn had thirty three "
Mark Healey of Lynn had one vote

No 7
Samuel E. Sewall of Marblehead had seventy votes
Ebenezer M. Saffords of Haverhill had sixty nine "
George Coggswell of Bradford had thirty three "
Albert H. Nelson of Woburn had one vote

No 8
John H. Gaines of Lowell had seventy votes
Walter Shepardson of Townsend had sixty nine "
Jacob Coggins of Tewksbury had thirty three "
Henry W. Pearson of Hanover had one vote

No 9
Charles Mason of Fitchburg had seventy votes
J. J. G. Wendell of Worcester had sixty nine "
Ebenezer Torrey of Fitchburg had thirty three "
Amos G. Underwood of Upton had one vote

November Meeting Continued

No 10 R. B. Hubbard of Sunderland had seventy votes
C. P. Ingraham of South Hadley had sixty five "
Julius Bullock of Royalston had thirty three "
Hiram Veale of Springfield had one vote

No 11 Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had ninety votes
Jonathan E Hibbard of Northfield had sixty five "
Erastus N Gott of Pittsfield had thirty three "
Luther Tiffany of Richmond had one vote

Town affairs

1st Chose John P. Reed moderator

2 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on the subject of laying out a road across the South side of the Common which report is as follows. Upon petition of Albert Bacon and eleven others we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Bedford have laid out a road for the use of the town across the south side of the Common belonging to the first Congregational Society in Bedford Commencing at the road near the House of John Bacon the line running easterly by the fence built with stone posts on a straight line to the south road (so called) said road is laid out two rods wide from the south road until it comes to the line between land of Reuben Bacon & said Common thence on said line to the Joseph Wobers line thence on said line to the first mentioned road the width is about 28 ft at the west end. We award the said Society the sum of one hundred Dollars land damage which road is hereby rejected to the town for acceptance.

Bedford July 6th 1852

Thomas Stiles
Pinckas M. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

The Selectmen submitted their report on the subject of a road (or bridle way) leading from Justus P. Hastings to Constantine Hills &c. also Hookers. likewise on the subject of said Hills proportion of back school money not paid which report was accepted by the town which is as follows The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Bedford to whom was referred the sixth article in the warrant for said meeting relating to the request of Constantine Hill to see if the town will make any provisions for paying him his proportion of school money not paid &c do any thing respecting the past acts of the town relating to that subject. have attended to that duty and ask leave to report That the said Hill be permitted to draw that proportion of his school money which has not been paid him also the amount for the current year. We have also examined the past acts of the town on file relating thereto and find the said Hill was allowed this gratuity in consequence of inconvenience in getting to School the town having had some action relating to a bridleway leading towards Hills house. We do not find the laying out of the said way, and if the town acted legally in the premises (of which there is doubt) the said Hills individual rights will not affected thereby we therefore recommend to the town to discontinue this gratuity to the said Hill and to Justus Hookers after the current year and that we withdraw all responsibility relating thereto all which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Nov. 2 1852

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 8th 1852

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eighth day of November next at nine O'Clock A.M. it being the second Monday of said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the Middlesex District and for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to fill the vacancy in the Congressional District number four caused by the Death of Benjamin Thompson for the remainder of the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1851. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number eight in the Thirty third Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1853. Also to give in their votes on the following question viz. Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising and altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth. All the above votes are to be put in one sealed envelope.

The Poll for the choice of the above named Officers to be opened at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the

Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford November 8th 1852

Agreeably to the within Warrant I have posted this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

The whole number of votes given in for Governor was one hundred sixty eight and were for the following persons

For Horace Mann of Newton eighty one votes 81
" John H. Clifford of New Bedford sixty nine votes 69
" Henry W. Bishop of Lenox seventeen votes 17
" Daniel Henshaw of Leicester one vote 1

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For Lieutenant Governor the whole number of votes one hundred and seventy

For Amasa Walker of North Brookfield eight votes 80
" James C. Thompson of Lee Bedford fifty seven " 57
" Elisha Huntington of Lowell thirty two " 32
" Bradford Wales of Randolph one vote 1
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For Senators whole number of ballots one hundred sixty eight

For William Claflin of Washington eighty nine votes 89
" Josiah G. Peabody of Lowell ninety " 90
" Daniel N. Crosby of Melrose eighty eight " 88
" Edward Thorndike of Charlestown eighty nine " 89
" Obadiah N. Allen of Marlborough eighty eight " 88
" John B. Alexander of Westford eighty nine " 89
" G. Washington Warren of Charlestown sixty three " 63
" Benjamin Adams of Chelmsford twenty nine 29
" Winthrop E. Faulkner of Acton sixty three " 63
" Sanford B. Perry of Medford twenty nine " 29
" Allen Cummings of Charlestown sixty four " 64
" James C. Davenport of Washington twenty nine 29
" Jason C. Abbott of Lowell fifty " 50
" Gorham Brooks of Medford fifty " 50
" Joseph Barney of Newton fifty " 50
" John Henshaw of Cambridge fifteen " 15
" E. F. Perry of Hollis ton nine " 09
" James Brands of Wayland fifteen " 15
" E. H. Perry of Hollis ton six " 6

For town Representative to General Court whole number of ballots one hundred fifty two Francis Coggswell had ninety nine votes and was declared elected.

Upon the subject of choosing Delegates to meet in Convention for the purpose of altering the Constitution one hundred and thirty five voted yes 135
one thirty one voted no 31

For Representative to the 32d Congress
no District number four. Whole number
of ballots one hundred and fifty, and was for
the following persons viz.

For Johnson Bates of Winchester seventy seven votes 77
" Lorenzo Sabine of Framingham thirty six " 36
" Chas. C Harwell of Concord thirty seven " 37
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For Representative to the 33 Congress for
District number eight. Whole number of
ballots one hundred thirty eight, and was
for the following persons viz.

For Henry Wilson of Natick seventy seven votes 77
" Caspian Wentworth of Lowell thirty five " 35
" Thomas W. Beard of Lowell seventeen " 17
" Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell nine " 9
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A true record attest

Thomas Stites Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 15th 1852

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the thirteenth day of December inst. at 2 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Benjamin Thompson in District number four in the 32 Congress of the United States for the remainder of the term of two years. from the fourth day of March 1851 Also to bring in their votes for a representative to represent District number eight in the 33 Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1853. The Polls for the choice of the above named Officers to be opened at ten O'clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To see if the town will accept of a widening in the highway between the Houses of Jonathan Saine and Cyrus Page as made by the Selectmen December first 1852.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

December Meeting Warrant Continued

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this third day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford December 15th 1852

Agreeably to the within I have warned this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy
attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the notable Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and put in their votes for the above named Officers which were sorted and counted and declaration thereof as by law is directed and were for the following persons viz

For Representative to the 32d Congress for District number four there number of ballots one hundred twenty nine and were for the following persons viz.

For John A. Bolles of Winchester ninety eight votes 98
" Josiah Sabine of Framingham thirty one " 31

December Meeting Continued

For Representative to the 33 Congress for District number eight Whole number of ballots one hundred thirty three and were for the following persons viz.

For Henry Wilson of Natick received ninety nine votes 99
" Nappan Hemenway of Sherborn thirty " 30
" Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell six " 6

Town Officers

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

2 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen which report is as follows. The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Bedford met this first day of December A.D. 1852 and made a widening in the highway between the Houses of Jonathan Jones and Cyrus Page by land of Cyrus Jones beginning at a point in the stone wall thence running northerly on said Jones land about fourteen and a half rods to land of Cyrus Page thence on said Page land about four rods to the wall as it now stands the greatest width is about 18 feet on Jones land 12 feet on the line between Jones & Page. The said Jones is allowed ten dollars land damage to be expended by him in rebuilding his wall. The said Page accepts the alteration without damage. We also have widened the road a few rods further Easterly by land of Cyrus Hapgood beginning at a point in the wall thence running northerly easterly on the said Hapgoods land about 10 rods to a point in the wall as it now stands the greatest width is about 11 feet. The said Hapgood accepts the widening without land damage. The aforesaid alterations are hereby submitted to the Town for acceptance (Thomas Stiles) (Selectmen
(P. H. Chamberlin) (Bedford
A true record Attest (Thomas Stiles Town Clerk Chosen Sparkling)

Warant for town meeting. March 7th 1853

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2d To choose all necessary town Officers for the ensuing year.

3d To see what manner the town will take to repair the roads and bridges the year ensuing.

4th To raise money for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

5th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer

6th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common grounds and highways.

7th By request of Asa Farnsworth to see if the town will repair the road (or way) leading from Moses Pages to the Concord road.

And you are requested to serve this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

March Meeting Warrant Continued

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford March 1st 1853

Pursuant to the within Warrant served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose John W Simonds moderator

2 Chose Thomas Stiles
} Town Clerk

Selectmen — Thomas Stiles, P. W. Chamberlin, Charles Spalding } Sworn

Assessors — Isaac P. Bacon, Elbridge H. Stearns, E. P. Davis } Sworn

Overseers of Poor — Wm G. Reed, T. H. Davis, M. T. Brown }

Treasurer — P. W. Chamberlin } sworn

Constables — Joseph Phelps, Daniel Constantine } Sworn

On motion voted to pay eight mills on the dollar for collecting the taxes in the following manner viz one half to be paid on the first Monday in October and the remainder on the first Monday in February if the first half is not paid in twelve days it may all be collected with Interest added after the aforesaid 12 Days grace in all cases if default shall be made in such payment. Interest shall be added.

All taxes payable at sight on all Persons that are not permanent residents in town

Chas Samuel Sage Jr } Collector of Taxes

Surveyors of Highways Chas Justus 2d Hastings.
Thomas C. Cutler. Wm Clark. Samuel Sage.
Francis Wilson. Joseph Skinner. Stephen Hooker.
Peter Joyner. Hiram Clark. John T. Boynton.
Robert H. Edwards. John Smith.

March Meeting Continued

Measures of wood and Bark
Albert Bacon Thomas Stiles
Jonas Monroe Amos B. Cutler

Surveyors of Lumber Thomas C. Cutler
Amos B Cutler

Surveyors of Shingles Thomas C. Cutler
Wm G. Reed

Wm G. Reed Isaac P. Bacon
Fire Wards Thomas C. Cutler Joseph Phelps
John G. Billings.
Charles O. Gragg foreman to the Fire Engine

Field Drivers John P. Reed Francis Coggswell
Amos Hartwell Wm Clark
Thomas C. Cutler Samuel Sage 2d

Pound Keeper Daniel Phifs

Auditors Albert Bacon
Samuel Sage 2d

Funeral Undertaker Charles O. Gragg

Fence Viewers Thomas C. Cutler
Samuel Sage 2d
Daniel Phifs

Voted to refer the unfinished business of the 2 article to April meeting.

Voted to repair the Highways and Bridges in the same manner as they were repaired last year

11th voted to raise five hundred Dollars to be expended in labor and materials under the direction of the Surveyors of highways.

5th for County Treasurer

Stedman Buttrick of Concord fifty nine votes 59
John Adams of Charlestown two votes 11
Joseph Phelps of Bedford eight votes 08
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6th Voted to restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the highways & Common lands

7th Voted to refer the seventh article to a Committee of three to examine the subject and report at the April meeting.

Chose Thomas Stiles, P. N. Chamberlin, Elijah W. Stearns } Committee

On motion voted to authorize the Treasurer to pay four Hundred Dollars of the town debt out of any money in his hands not appropriated.

The Selectmen submitted their report on Gates posts and Guide boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Selectmen and Assessors submitted their report on the expenses of the town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The Treasurer submitted his report on the finances of the town which was referred back and ordered to make a separate report.

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 53

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the seventh day of March next at eleven O'Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen in one Sealed envelope for one Delegate to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth to be holden at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of May next

The Poll for the choice of the above named Officers to be opened at eleven O'Clock A. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford seven days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our Hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

March Meeting Warant Continued

Thomas Stiles
P. H. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford March 7th 1853
Pursuant to the within I have Served
this warant by posting up attested
copies thereof at each of the public
Meeting Houses in Bedford seven
days before the time for holding
this meeting.

Joseph Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and
notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford
met and acted on the matters contained
in the warant in the following manner
The poll was opened by the Selectmen for the
Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a
Delegate which resulted in the following
manner.

For	John W. Simonds	74 Votes
"	Isaac P. Bacon 37 Scaled 9 Com	46 "
"	Amos Hartwell	1 "
"	Thomas Stiles	2 "
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John W. Simonds was declared elected

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1853

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the fourth day of April next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two Special County Commissioners all on one ballot.

The poll for the choice of the above named Commissioners to be opened at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the unfinished business from March meeting relating to town Officers.

3 To raise money for the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.

4th To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th To see what method the town will take in relation to the ringing of a Bell and care of the town Hall

6th To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

7th By request of the Cemetery Committee to see if the town will make an appropriation for the improvement of the Shawsheen Cemetery or do any thing respecting the same

8th To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money at 5 pr Ct to pay any part of the town debt bearing 6 pr Ct interest or do any thing relating to the same

9th To see if the town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several Districts to contract with the teachers for their Schools.

10th By request of George Crosby to see if the town will build a School House for the East School District or do any thing relative to the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Thomas Stiles
P. H. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 4th 1853
Pursuant to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy. Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 4th 1853

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Dracut met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner.

Whole number of ballots brot in for County Commissioners were eighty six and were for the following Persons viz.

For	Llewellyn P. Davis of Woburn	Sixty one votes	61
"	John L. Going of Shirley	sixty two "	62
"	Leonard Huntress of Tewksbury	sixty "	60
"	Daniel S Richardson of South Reading	four "	24
"	Ebenezer Barker of Charlestown	twenty four "	24
"	Simmons Adams of Townsend	twenty "	20
"	Asa G Sheldon of Wilmington	three "	3

Whole number of ballots brot in for Special County Commissioners were eighty and were for the following Persons viz

For	Paul H Swan of South Reading	fifty eight votes	58
"	John Fletcher of Woburn	fifty nine votes	57
"	William Hastings of Framingham	twenty one "	21
"	Samuel Chandler of Lexington	twenty two "	22

Town affairs

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 Chose P. H. Chamberlin Abel Bacon
Isaac P. Bacon County Committee

Chose William Cushing Abel B. Adams
George Simonds School Committee

Chose Lewis Smith Surveyor of highways in place of Justus P Hastings declined

3 Voted to raise fifteen Hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4th Voted to raise nine hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year to be appropriated in the same manner as last year with the addition of fifteen Dollars to be added to the High School

5th The ringing of the Bell on the Trinitarian Congregational Church was let at Auction to George Isaac for twenty two Dollars to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and 9 in the evening. on all days Sundays Fasts and Thanksgiving days excepted.
Chose George Isaac Bell ringer.
Care of the Town Hall let to James Munroe for the same compensation that he has received for the two last years and the services to be performed in the same faithful manner.

6 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

7th Voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred Dollars to be expended by the Cemetery Committee for the improvement of the Shawsheen Cemetery.

8th Voted to authorize the treasurer on his succession in said Office to loan money at five per cent to pay Town debts that bear interest at six per

9th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 9th article

10th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 10th article

The School Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The treasurer submitted his report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

April Meeting Continued

The Cemetery Committee submitted their annual report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

The Committee chosen at March meeting 1851 to build a suitable fence enclosing the School House lot in the west district made a verbal report which was refused back to the Committee to build a suitable fence enclosing the above named lot.

on motion voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for town Meeting. April 18th 1853

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eighteenth day of April Inst at seven O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Reuben Bacon jr and nine others to see if the town will authorize the prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with the teachers of their Schools

Town Meeting Warrant Continued

3 To choose a Surveyor of Highways in place of Loring Smith declined.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford April 18th 1853
Pursuant to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph D. Phelps
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

Town Meeting April 18th 1853

1st Chose George Simonds moderator

2 voted to indefinitely postpone the 2 article

3 chose Justus P. Hastings Surveyor of Highways in place of Loring Smith declined.

Reuben Bacon jr presented the following order to instruct the Selectmen to insert an article in the warrant for the next town meeting To see if the town will instruct their Delegate to the Constitutional Convention to use his influence for the alteration of the Judicial System of this Commonwealth so that the Judges of our Courts shall be elected for a term of years by the People.
The above order was adopted.
on motion voted to adjourn.

A true Record.
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 2 1853

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the second day of May next at five O'Clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for two County Commissioners and two Special County Commissioners also one ballot Box to receive the votes of the above named Officers

Town Meeting May 2 1853

to be opened at ½ past five O'Clock P.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 By request of Samuel Sage & others to see if the town will prohibit any individuals from loading Horses upon the Side walks or do any thing respecting the same.

3 To see if the town will instruct their Delegate to the Constitutional Convention to use his influence for the alteration of the Judicial System of this Commonwealth so that the Judges of our Courts shall be elected for a time of years by the People.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our Hands at Bedford this twenty first day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Thomas Stiles
P. H. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford May 2 1853

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant

Town Meeting May 2 1853

by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps (Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant and in the following manner.

Whole number of ballots brot in for County Commissioners were fifty six and were for the following persons

For — John K. Going of Shirley thirty eight votes 38
" Llewellyn P. Davis of Woburn thirty three " 33
" Daniel I Richardson of Lowell thirteen " 13
" Ebenezer Barker of Charlestown twelve " 12
" Asa G. Sheldon of Wilmington five " 5

Whole number of ballots brot in for Special County Commissioners were fifty three and were for the following persons

For Paul H. Sweetser of South Reading thirty four votes 34
" John Fletcher of Acton thirty eight " 38
" Wm Hastings of Framingham fifteen " 15
" Samuel Chandler of Lexington thirteen " 13

Town affairs 1st Chose Charles Spalding moderator

2d voted that the Surveyors of Highways in the several Districts be directed to use legal measures to prohibit persons from leading driving or riding Horses on the Sidewalks

3d voted to lay the 3 article on the table

A True record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 14th 1853

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fourteenth day of November Inst at nine O'Clock A.M. it being the second Monday of said month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the Middlesex District on one ticket. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Also to give in their votes at the same time enclosed in a sealed envelope for the ratification or rejection of either, or all, of the eight Constitutional Propositions adopted by the Convention of Delegates assembled at the City of Boston May 4th A.D. 1853 for the purpose of altering and revising the Constitution of Massachusetts.

The Poll for the choice of the above named Officers and the aforesaid Propositions to be opened at half past nine O'Clock.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon

Town Meeting Warant Continued

to ourselves at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this third day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Thomas Stiles
S. N. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford November 11th 1853

Agreeably to the within I have served this warant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warant in the following manner.

The whole number of votes given in for Governor was one hundred and fifty nine and were for the following Persons Viz.

For	Henry Wilson of Natick	Sixty eight votes	68
"	Henry W. Bishop of Lynn	fifty three "	53
"	Emory Washburn of Worcester	thirty two "	32
"	Bradford L. Wales of Randolph	Six "	6

Town Meeting, November 11th 1853

The whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and fifty nine and were for the following Persons

For	Amasa Walker of Nth field	Sixty eight	Votes 68
"	Linus Child of Boston	fifty three	" 53
"	William C. Plunkett of Adams	thirty two	" 32
"	George Osborne of Gannes	Six	" 6

Whole number of Ballots given in for Senator was one hundred and six ty five and were for the following Persons

For	Josiah G. Peabody of Lowell	one hundred eight	Votes 108
"	John A Bolles of Winchester	one hundred eight	" 108
"	Charles C Hazewell of Concord	one hundred six	" 106
"	William Claflin of Hopkinton	one hundred eight	" 108
"	Chatahen L Raymond of Medford	one hundred six	" 106
"	Daniel W. Cooke of Melrose	one hundred eight	" 108
"	G. Washington Warren of Charlestown	thirty two	" 32
"	Winthrop C. Fowlers of Salem	thirty two	" 32
"	George C. Barstow of Somerville	thirty two	" 32
"	Peter Lawson of Dracutt	thirty two	" 32
"	Frederick C. Rice of Winchester	thirty two	" 32
"	Elihu Cutler Jr of Hollister	thirty two	" 32
"	Graham Brooks of Medford	nineteen	" 19
"	Nathan P. Colburn of Southreading	thirteen	" 13
"	Thomas Greenleaf of Charlestown	thirteen	" 13
"	Joseph Holbrook of Concord	nineteen	" 19
"	Enoch Foster of Salisbury	thirteen	" 13
"	Timothy Buttrfield of Lynnfield	nineteen	" 19
"	A. H. Ward of Newton	Six	" 6
"	Abiah Thompson of Woburn	six	" 6
"	B. W. Coburn of Holliston	six	" 6
"	Samuel Hoar of Concord	two	" 2
"	Albert J. Bellows of Charlestown	two	" 2

November Meeting Continued

Town Representative Whole number of Ballots given in on the seventh balloting was one hundred twenty one. Albert Bacon had sixty six votes and was declared elected.

The votes on the several propositions submitted by the Convention were given in by the qualified voters, as follows

No 1	One hundred twenty one voted	yes	121
	Forty three "	No	43
" 2	One hundred twenty one "	yes	121
	Forty two "	No	42
" 3	One hundred fifteen "	yes	115
	Forty six "	No	46
" 4	One hundred twenty two "	yes	122
	Forty one "	No	41
" 5	One hundred twenty three "	yes	123
	Forty one "	No	41
" 6	One hundred twenty three "	yes	123
	Forty one "	No	41
" 7	One hundred twenty one "	yes	121
	Forty two "	No	42
" 8	One hundred twenty one "	yes	121
	Forty two "	No	42

A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. March 6th 1854.

Middlesex Ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the 13th of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

3 To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

4th To raise money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

5th To see if the Town will continue their School Districts.

6th By request of the Sixth School District. to see if the town will empower their District agents to contract with their Teachers.

7th To see if the Town will restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common Grounds and Highways.

8th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

9th By request of Samuel Sage jr to see if the town will raise money for the Support of Schools. or do any thing respecting Schools the year ensuing.

And you are requested to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine

Warrant for March Meeting Continued

Days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fifth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford March 6th 1854

Agreeably to the within I have since this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Joseph Phelps } Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose P. W. Chamberlin Moderator

2 Chose Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Chose Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen

3 March 3 Meeting Continued

Chose P. W. Chamberlin Treasurer

Chose Cyrus Page 2d, Charles M. Butterfield, Oliver J. Sage — Assessors

Chose Thaddeus W. Davis, Samuel Sage jr, Joseph Phelps — Overseers of the Poor

Chose Charles M. Butterfield, Joseph Phelps — Constables

Collection of taxes voted to pay one per cent for collecting the taxes in the following manner to wit. One half of the amount shall be paid on the first Monday in October allowing twelve days grace and the remainder on the first Monday in February, if the whole amount shall be paid within twelve days of the first Monday in October a discount of three per cent shall be made, if default shall be made in the payment of the first instalment the Collector is hereby authorised to collect the whole amount forthwith Poll taxes payable at sight by all persons not permanent residents. The Treasurer shall allow the Collector the same premium discounted by him, on the amount paid into the Treasurer within fifteen days of the first Monday of October.

Chose Samuel Sage jr Collector.

Surveyors of Highways. Chose Thaddeus W. Davis. Thomas C. Cutler. George Crosby. Hiram P. Barber. B. F. Davis. Charles P. Robbins. James Emery. Elijah Brown. Constantine Hill. Aaron Felt. John Butterfield. E. P. Davis. Joseph Harwell.

March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Wood and Bark Chose
Abel S. Monroe Jonas Monroe Thomas Miles
C. M. Buttrick Albert Bacon

Surveyors of Lumber Thomas C. Cutler
Samuel Sage Jr

Surveyors of Shingles Abel B. Adams
William A. Sage

Fire Wards Charles M. Buttrick Chief Engineer
Joseph Minnett Aaron Hill E. P. Davis
John Gragg Charles O. Gragg

George W. Lane R. W. Edwards
Abel Jones Lyman Cole William A Sage
Daniel Weiss John Buttrick
Jonathan Lane Carlton P. Page

Pound Keeper Joseph H. Goodwin

Auditors Amos B. Cutler & Abel B. Adams

Sealer of Leather Charles O. Gragg

Fence Viewers George Simonds David Page
John D. Billings

63 Voted to repair the Roads & Bridges by assessing a tax on the Polls and Estates to be expended in labor under the direction of the Surveyors of Highways at one Shilling per hour. the Selectmen are authorized to discount twenty per cent to those that chose to pay money on demand.

4th Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th Voted to continue the School District System.

6th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 6th Article.

7th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways.

8 For County Treasurer Stedman Buttrick of Concord had seventy one votes 71
Charles M. Butterfield of Bedford two " 02

9th Voted to refer the ninth article to a Committee of six Persons Chose Reuben Bacon Jr. George Simonds. Eleazer P. Davis. John P. Reed. Amos Barrett Elijah Brown. The above Committee to report upon the whole subject at April meeting.

On motion voted to choose a Committee of five Persons to examine the Highway from Billerica line to Joseph Brown's and from Browns to Cyrus Pages likewise the Crosby Road and Carlisle Bridge Chose Thomas Stiles P. W. Chamberlin Charles Spalding Samuel Sage & Cyrus Page. Committee The above Committee to report at April meeting.

A true record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The Selectmen submitted their report on the Town expenses of the Town which was accepted

Town meeting 4th March 6th 1834

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted.

A true record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3 1854

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the third day of April next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the unfinished business from March meeting relating to Town Officers.

3 To act on the referred ninth article in the warrant for March meeting in relation to Schools.

4th To see if the town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with Teachers for their Schools.

5th To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

6th To raise money for the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

7 To see what method the town will take in relation to the ringing of a Bell and care of the Town Hall.

8th To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to pay any part of the town debts out of any money in the Treasury unappropriated.

9th To hear the report of the Committee in relation to the special repair of certain roads and Bridges and act thereon.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Thomas Stiles
P.W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 3 1854.
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Charles M. Butterfield
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy
Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

Town Meeting April 3d 1854

1st Chose P. W. Chamberlin Moderator

2 Chose Isaac L. Walls Surveyor of Highways in place of Joseph Hartwell declined
Chose Charles C. Gragg Tithe dinner in place of Jonathan Sawin declined

Chose P. W. Chamberlin, Albert Bacon, Charles Spalding } Cemetery Committee

Chose Elijah N. Stearns, Marcus B. Webber, Samuel Sage } School Committee

3 The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the ninth article in the warrant for March meeting submitted their report which was accepted in part.
Voted to discontinue the High School.

Voted to build a new School House in the Centre District two Stories high suitable for two Schools and one in the East District and one in the North District, and repair the West and South School Houses the current year. The Money sufficient to defray the expense thereof to be borrowed by the Treasurer on the credit of the Town payable in annual installments of five hundred Dollars with interest until paid.
Chose Elijah Brown, William D. Reed, Elbridge H. Stearns, William A. Stearns, Hiram Clark, Jonathan Sawin, P. W. Chamberlin, Robert W. Edwards Building Committee to contract for the building and repairing the above named School Houses.

April Meeting Continued

Voted to instruct the building Committee to procure plans and estimates of the expense of the several School Houses and sites for the same and submit them to the Town at some future meeting.

4th Voted to authorize the several Prudential Committees to visit and contract with the Teachers for the several School Districts.

5th Voted to raise eight hundred and sixty Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year to be divided in the following manner viz 38 per cent to the Central 17 to the East 15 to the North 15 to the South and 15 to the West Districts

6th Voted to raise two thousand Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year

7th The singing of a Bell was let at auction to William H. Butler for twenty Dollars to be rung in the manner as last year.

Care of the Town Hall was let to Wm W. Butler for nine and 3/4 Cents for opening and closing and sweeping before and after all meetings lighting and building fires if the fewel & Oil & Camphine is furnished.

8th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 8th Article.

9th The Committee to whom was refered the subject of the repair of Roads and Carlisle Bridge made a verbal report.

Voted to appropriate $150,00 to be expended by the Selectmen for the repair of the road from Stephen Hoskins to Joseph Brownsand from Browns to Cyrus Pages and the Cosby road and Carlisle Bridge (so called)

Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, May 1st 1854

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of May next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To hear a report of the Committee on building and repairing School Houses in relation to plans and estimates and act thereon.

3 To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to build anew or repair all the School Houses in the several Districts the current year and in lieu thereof build a new House in the East District or postpone any part of the remainder to some future day or do anything respecting the same

4th To see if the Town will give their Treasurer any additional instructions in relation to Issuing money to defray the expense of building and repairing School Houses.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of April in the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by notifying the Inhabitants of Bedford to meet at the place Time in mentioned by posting attested copies at each of the public Meeting Houses nine days before said meeting.

Charles M. Buttrfield
} Constable of Bedford

Bedford May 1st 1854

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose George Simonds moderator

2d On motion voted to adjourn.

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warant for Town Meeting. May 15th 1854

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of May Inst at five O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 By request of John P. Reed and seven others to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at a meeting held April 3 1854 whereby they voted to build three School Houses and repair two others the present year, for the purpose of extending the time for building and repairing said Houses to November 20th 1855.

3 To see if the town will designate a suitable place in each School District for the erection of a School House and take proper measures to procure land for the same, or do anything respecting the said locations

4th To hear a report of the building Committee in relation to plans and estimates for building and repairing School Houses and act thereon.

5th To see if the town will give their Treasurer any additional authority in relation to hiring money to defray the expense of building and repairing School Houses

6th By request of Samuel Sage Jr. to see if the Town will make any alterations in the bounds of the of the Center School District or do any thing respecting the same

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this fifth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of said meeting as aforesaid

A true copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk
} Charles W. Butterfield Constable of Bedford

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Southern Wards of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner to

1st Chose George Simonds moderator.

200 Town Meeting. May 15th 1854

2 Voted to reconsider so much of the vote passed at April Meeting 1854 as relates to time whereby the town voted to build the ensuing year. And extend the time for building and repairing said Houses to November 20th 1855.

3 Voted to choose a Committee of five Persons to take the subject-matter of the 3 article into consideration as far as the Center District is concerned and report at the next town meeting.

Chose Lewis P. Gleason Thomas Stiles Samuel Sage jr.
P. H. Chamberlin & Jonas. Monroe

Likewise chose a Committee of three Persons for the East School District to consider the above named subject and report at the next town meeting.

Chose George Crosby, Elijah Brown & Jonathan Lane

Also chose a committee of three Persons for the North School District to consider the above named subject and report at the next town meeting

Chose Wm H Lane Elbridge H. Stearns & Uriah Goodwin.

4th Voted to recommit the subject of the fourth article back to the building Committee

5th Voted to defer the subject of the fifth article to November meeting

6th Voted to alter the North line between the North and Center School District so as to follow a Brook or Ditch and let the Small House owned by Samuel Wilson to the North District.

A true record.

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 28th 1854

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty eighth day of August Inst at five O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To hear the report of any or all of the annual Committees chosen at a meeting held May 15th 1854 on locating School Houses and act thereon.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this nineteenth day of August in the one thousand eight hundred & fifty four.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss Agreeably to the within I have this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding said meeting

Bedford August 28th 1854 Charles M. Butterfield Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting August 28th 1854

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. moderator

2 The Committee chosen to select a site for a School House in the Centre District submitted their report which was recommitted to revise the same and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday evening August 29th 1854 at Six O'Clock P.M.

August 29th 1854 the town met agreeably to adjournment.

The Committee for the Centre District to whom was recommitted their report to revise the same report as follows. They have examined several sites which have been presented to their notice and have selected a location on Spring Street on land of Mr. David Fitch and they have designated a lot by driving stakes in front of said lot. the northerly front corner of said lot commencing at a stake about one hundred and seven feet from the Southerly front corner of Widow O.R. Abbots Estate thence running Southerly on the road five and one half rods to a stake. thence running in westerly direction from said Fitches front line eight rods on land of said Fitch thence northerly on land of said Fitch five and one half rods to a point eight rods distant from the corner begun at thence turning and running in a straight line eight rods to the corner begun at.

And in addition thereto the Committee recommend that the town also purchase as much land as the

Ground actually covered by the buildings shall exceed forty square rods. Your Committee have conferred with Mr. Fitch in relation to the purchase of the said lot and he declines selling, all of which is respectfully submitted

In order of the Committee

Lewis P. Gleason

Voted to accept the above report.

On motion voted that the Selectmen be empowered in behalf of the town to purchase of Mr. David Fitch the lot of land designated for a School House lot in the Centre District provided he will sell it for a price which they shall consider reasonable. But if he shall refuse to sell the same or shall demand a price which they shall consider unreasonable then in such case it is the wish of the town that they proceed to select at their discretion a School House lot and layout the same for the said District in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

The Chairman of the Committee chosen to select a site for a School House in the East District submitted a minority report which was accepted.

The Committee chosen to select a site for a School House in the North District submitted their report which was accepted.

Voted to authorize Reuben Bacon Esqr to procure deeds of the several School House lots selected in the East and North Districts and the Selectmen are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

On motion of Elijah W. Stearns voted to request the building Committee to submit their plans and Specifications for the erection of the several School Houses at this meeting.
Voted to adjourn to Wednesday one August 30th 1854 at 6 O'Clock P.M.

Wednesday Evening August 30th the town met agreeably to adjournment
The building Committee Submitted their plan and specification for the School House for the East District which was accepted.

Voted to instruct the building Committee to stake out the site for the School House in the East District.

Voted that the building Committee be instructed to present plans and Specifications for the Centre and North School Houses at the next November meeting or some previous meeting.

A true record Attest
Thomas Niles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept. 18th 1854

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eighteenth day of Sept. Inst. at five O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 On Petition of Elijah Brown & others to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed August 29th 1854 whereby they voted to locate the East District School house on a lot of land selected and reported by a minority of the Committee chosen for that purpose, & locate the same on a lot selected & reported by a majority of said Committee, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting Houses, in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Thomas Wiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding } of Bedford

Town Meeting Sept. 18th 1854

Middlesex ss.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies three of which each of the Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of said meeting.

Charles W. Butterfield } Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose P.W. Chamberlin Moderator

2d Voted to reconsider the vote passed August 29th 1854 whereby the town voted to locate the East District School House agreably with a report of Geo. Crosby a minority of the Committee chosen to locate the same

Voted to locate the Schoolhouse in the East District on the East side of the road nearly opposite the House of John L. Davis on a lot of land purchased of Charles P. Page and reported to the town by a majority of the Committee chosen for that purpose

A true record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warant for Town Meting Nov 13th 1854

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the thirteenth day of November Inst (it being the second Monday of said month) at nine Oclock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the Middlesex Distrct on one ballot.

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent Dist. No 8 in the thirty fourth Congress of the United States, for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1855.

The Poll for the choice of the above named Officers to be opened at ½ past 9 Oclock A. M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meting.

2 To see if the town will pay the expense of building the Schoolhouse in the East School District and the repairing of the School House and enlarging the lot in the west District from any moneys now in the Treasury unappropiated or do any thing respecting the same.

November Warrant Continued

3d To see if the town will build a School house in the Center, and in the North Districts or do anything relating to the same.

4th To hear and act upon the report of plans and specifications of School houses presented by the building Committee.

5th By request of Daniel Fitch to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed August 29th 1854. whereby they voted to designate a lot of land on Spring Street belonging to him, as suitable for a School house lot.

6th To see if the town will designate and purchase a suitable piece of land on which to erect a School house and necessary Buildings in the Center District or do anything in relation to locating the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this second day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town nine days before the time of said meeting Bedford Nov. 13th 1854

Charles M. Billings } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

The whole number of ballots given in for Governor was one hundred and forty five and were for the following persons.

For	Henry J. Gardner of Boston	one hundred and one votes	101
"	Emory Washburn of Worcester	twenty five votes	25
"	Henry Wilson of Natick	fourteen "	14
"	Henry W. Bishop of Lenox	four "	4
"	Charles Allen of Worcester	one "	1
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The whole number of ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and forty four and were for the following persons

For	Simon Brown of Concord	one hundred and one votes	101
"	Wm C. Plunkett of Adams	twenty five votes	25
"	Increase Sumner of Great Barrington	fourteen "	14
"	Caleb Wilson of Braintree	four "	4
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The whole number of votes given in for Senators was one hundred and thirty nine and were for the following persons—

November Meeting Continued

For Z. P. Raymond of Cambridge one hundred and four votes
" Daniel H. Hitchcock of Newton one hundred and one "
" Obadiah W. Allen of Marlboro one hundred and eight "
" A. C. Hildreth of Groton one hundred "
" John A Buttrick of Lowell one hundred and eight "
" Elisha C Baker of Medford one hundred "
" Isaac Whipple of Somerville twenty three "
" Lorenzo Sabine of Cunningham twenty three "
" Joseph Butterfield of Lowell twenty three "
" Charles Heard of Brighton twenty three "
" Lewis A. Pierce of Winchester twenty three "
" Horatio Moore of Waltham twenty three "
" John M. Bacon of Natick thirteen "
" Howard Gates of Ashby thirteen "
" John D.A. Griffin of Charlestown twelve "
" William J. Robinson of Concord thirteen "
" Richard Frothingham jr of Charlestown four "
" Samuel Lawrence of Lowell four "
" Jeremiah Martin of Melrose four "
" Joseph Hollbrook of Concord four "
" Daniel Abbott of Dracutt four "

The whole number of votes given in for Representative to Congress was one hundred and thirty eight, and were for the following Persons.

For Chauncey L Knapp of Lowell one hundred & two votes
" Josiah Newhall of Lowell thirty three "
" Daniel Needham of Groton three "

" Town Representative voted not to send

Town Affairs

1st Chose John M. Simonds moderator

2 Voted That the Selectmen have full discretionary power to accept or alter the School house in the East District and in case of acceptance that they be empowered to draw on the treasury for the payment of the same. In relation to the West School house, Voted to authorise the Selectmen to draw on the Treasury for the payment of the expense of enlarging the lot and the repairs of the School house in said District.

3 Voted to build a School house in the Center and a School house in the South District. Also voted to choose a Committee to contract for the building of the School houses aforesaid Chos. Thomas Stiles. Abial Bacon & George Simonds Committee for that purpose.

Voted to instruct the Committee to advertise for proposals to build each house by separate contract; and the contracts with the specifications in writing to be submitted to the town for acceptance before proceeding to erect the same.

Voted That the Committee be instructed not to proceede to build in the Center District until a suitable piece of land has been obtained for that purpose

4th Voted to indefinitely postpone the fourth article

5th Voted to reconsider agreeably to the request of the petitioners.

Then voted to indefinitely postpone any further action under the vote of that meeting upon the subject of a School house lot in the center District.

November Meeting Continued

6th Voted to choose a Committee to designate a suitable lot to erect a School house upon in the Centre District and report at the next Town meeting.

Chose George Simonds Samuel Page jr Isaac L. Wells Charles H. Sutherland and William Wilson a Committee for that purpose.

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov. 27th 1854

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty seventh day of November Inst at 1/2 past Twelve Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles.

1st By request of John C. Billings and sixteen to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at the last annual meeting for State Officers whereby they voted not to send a Representative to represent them at the next General Court to be holden in Boston for the year eighteen hundred and fifty five.

2 To bring in their votes for a Representative to represent the town in the next General Court.

The polls for the choice of representative to be open at four Oclock P.M.

Warrant Continued.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator.

2 To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last meeting to indicate a suitable lot of land for a School house in the Center district of this town.

3 By request of R. M. Edwards to see if the town will enact a code of by laws for the protection of their School houses from mutilation or damage or do anything respecting the same

4th By request of Samuel Savage to see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to build a School house in the Center School district and in lieu thereof repair and reseat the town Hall and School room therein for the use of said district or do any thing respecting the same.
Also to see if the town will build or procure a new Town Hall or do anything respecting the same

5th To see if the town will authorise a Committee to purchase a lot of land for the purpose of erecting a School house in the center district. Also empower the Treasurer to borrow money for that purpose or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town nine days at least before the time for holding this meeting.

Town Meeting November 27th 1854

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighteenth day of November in the one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford Nov 27th 1854

Agreeably to the within warrant I have warned this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said town nine days before the time of said meeting.

Charles M. Buttrick
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Voted not to reconsider the vote passed at the last town meeting, whereby they voted not to send a Representative.

Town Affairs

1st Chose George Simonds moderator

2 The Committee chosen at the last town meeting submitted their report which was read committed & the same committee

3 Voted to choose a committee of three to draft a code of by laws. Chose the genral School Committee for the above purpose

4th voted to reconsider the vote passed Nov. 15th 1854 whereby they voted to build a new School House in the center district

On motion voted to postpone the last part (the remainder) of the fourth article to the next town meeting.

On motion voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with Lucius Miles in relation to a piece of land under the Town Hall

5th Voted to refer the subject of the fifth to the next town meeting.

A true record

Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. March 4th 1855

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 5th day of March next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3 To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.

4th To see what method the town will take to repair the roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

5th To raise money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

6th To see if the town will authorise the prudential Committee of the several School Districts to contract with their Teachers.

7th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common grounds and highways.

8th To hear a report of the building Committee in relation to plans and specifications for the building of a Schoolhouse in the North District and act thereon.

9th By request of Seamans & others to see if the town will build a watering trough at Shawsheen Crossing.

10th Article. By request of John P. Reed to see if the town will establish a high School or do any thing respecting the same.

11th Article. To see if the town will take any measures to dispose of the old School house in the East District or do any thing respecting the same.

12th Article. To see if the town will authorise the Treasurer to renew two notes of hand held by the heirs of Hammond Reed against the town, and also approve of one renewed to Stephen Bacon dated October 3 1853

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
P. H. Chamberlin } of Bedford
Charles Spalding }

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford March 5th 1855 Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meting as aforesaid.

Charles M. Butterfield Constable of Bedford

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 5th 1855

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner viz.

1st Chose John H. Simonds moderator

2 Town Clerk whole number of ballots 44
Thomas Miles had 43 votes and was chosen and sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office

Selectmen
Thomas Miles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Sworn

On motion voted to omit to choose a board of Appeals The Selectmen were sworn Assessors for the ensuing year

Overseers of the Poor Chose
Thaddeus H. Davis
Joseph Phelps
Samuel Sage Jr.

Treasurer P. W. Chamberlin was Chosen & Sworn

Constables Chose
Charles M. Butterfield
Joseph Phelps
} Sworn

Collector of Taxes voted to nominate candidates for a Collector of taxes by auction their bidding the lowest sum to be considered the candidates for that Office, Reuben Swan & Albert Dalton & Charles P. Robbins were the lowest bidders

Chose Charles P. Robbins Collector said Robbins agrees to perform that service for the sum of thirty Dollars

Auditors George Simonds & Marcus B. Wilbur

3 March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Wood and Bark. Thomas Miles
Jonas Monroe Abiel Bacon John P. Rice
Elijah Sage Jonas Putnam Samuel Davis

Surveyors of Lumber Oliver J. Lane
William D. Reed
Samuel Sage Jr.

Surveyors of Shingles John D. Billings
Eldridge Hartwell

Field Drivers John W. Simonds. Daniel Twiss.
Stephen Haynes Jr. Luther Eaton.
Joseph Hartwell. Joel Mansfield

Pound Keeper Benjamin G. Hosmer.

Funeral Undertaker Charles C. Gage

Hemp Viewers William A. Lane
Samuel Sage Jr.
Lewis Spalding

Fire Wards Charles M. Buttrfield Chief Engineer
Joseph Stevens Joseph Hartwell 2d
Robert W. Edwards John Gage Jeremiah Sawin

Surveyors of Highways William A. Lane
Charles Spalding. Michael Crosby Silas Farmer
William Clark John D. Blake Cyrus Page
Elijah Shelton Stephen Hosmer B. F. Hartwell
Samuel Hyman William Parker Charles Robinson

County Treasurer whole number of ballots 84
Amos Stone Charleston had 67 votes
Stedman Buttrick of Concord 17 "

Town Meeting Continued

4th Voted to repair the roads and Bridges the ensuing year by assessing a Tax on the Polls and Estates for that purpose

5th Voted to raise six hundred Dollars for the repair of the roads and Bridges to be expended in labor under the direction of the several Surveyors of highways at 12½ Cents per hour, and a discount of 12½ Cents shall be made to those that pay money on demand

Voted to raise one hundred and fifty Dollars in money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

6 Voted to authorise the Prudential Committee in the several Districts to contract with their Teachers

7 Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses going at large on the Common Grounds & Highways

8 The building Committee submitted their plan and Specifications for a Schoolhouse for the North District

Voted to Paint the House with two coats of Seed Oil and one coat of Zinc. the Cupboard door to be divided into two parts.

Voted to accept the plan & Specifications as amended Voted to instruct the building Committee to cause the lot for the Schoolhouse to be graded high & the underpinning to be 20 inches deep

9th Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to consider the subject and report at the next Town meeting. Chose Reuben Bacon Esqr Rev. William C. Ring, Rev. Henry J. Patrick.

11 Voted to indefinitely postpone the 10th Article

11th Voted to authorise the Selectmen to sell the old School house in the East District. Also voted to postpone the sale of the land under the said House to a future meeting next.

12th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to execute a note of one thousand Dollars to Benjamin Reed, and a note of five hundred Dollars, to Sally Nichols, in liquidation for Notes, if the same remain not held against the Town in the name of Hammond Reed. Also voted to approve of one given Stephen Bacon, dated October 3 1853, for the sum of five hundred Dollars.

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted.

The Selectmen & Overseers submitted their report on the Expenses of the Town the past year which was accepted after striking from the Overseers bill the sum of $46.42.

On motion of John P. Reed voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to appraise the Personal property of the town Jaime Chase, John P. Reed Abel Adams and Albert Bacon.

P. W. Chamberlin Treasurer submitted his report on the state of the finances of the town which was accepted.

A Resolution was submitted by George Simmonds on the practice of employing special Conductors at Funerals which was adopted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

On motion it was proposed to take up the unfinished business of last meeting Nov 2nd 1854 relating to the subject of building of a Town House and School house in the Center District

March Meeting Continued

And it was objected that subject was not inserted in the warrant for this meeting. Upon this point the Chair decided that it was competent for the town to entertain the motion as the subject was specially referred to this meeting by vote as appears of record, and although the Selectmen omitted to give notice of that vote in the warrant for this meeting it was clearly a part of the record. Thereupon an appeal was taken from that decision. And on Motion the question was submitted to the town Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained and it was decided in the negative 11 voting in favour 31 against the decision

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 2d 1855

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the second day of April next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose a School and Cemetery Committee and fill any vacancy that occur in any Town Office.

April Meeting Warrant Continued

3d To raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

4th To raise money for the ordinary charges for the ensuing year.

5th To raise money to defray the expense of building the North School House or do anything respecting the same.

6th To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money in the hands of the Committee to the surplus Revenue (or elsewhere) to defray the current expenses of the town accruing before the taxes become due.

7th To act on the unfinished business of the eleventh article in the warrant for March meeting relating to the sale of the School house and land in the East District.

8th To hear a report of a Committee chosen under the ninth article for March meeting in relation to building a receiving Tomb at Rowsham Cemetery and act thereon.

9th By request of Elijah Soon and ten others to see if the town will instruct their Assessors to make a revaluation on all real estates within the limits of this town.

10th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell and care of the town Bell.

11th By request of a Committee of the Centre School District to see if the town will build a two story School house with the necessary buildings in the Centre School District, suitable for two schools and designate some suitable place upon which to erect the same and take such measures in relation to the purchase of the land as they deem expedient or do anything respecting the same.

Warrant for April Meeting Continued

11th By request of Joseph Phelps and Samuel Sage Jr to see if the town will discharge from further service the Committee chosen at March meeting to appraise the Personal property on the Pool Farm.

13th By request of Thomas C. Cutler & others to see if the town will make any by laws concerning the licencing regulating and restraining of Dogs going at large or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles, P. W. Chamberlin, Charles Spalding } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford April 2 1855

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Charles M. Butterfield } Constable of Bedford

A true copy

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 2 1855

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Isaac S. Watts moderator.

2 Chose P. W. Chamberlin Albert Bacon & Charles Spalding Cemetery Committee.

Chose Edmund Hoar Surveyor of highways in place of Charles Robinson declined
Chose Uriah Goodwin in place of Abe Farmer declined
Chose Elijah Brown in place of Elijah Sutton declined

Chose Samuel Sage jr. George Simonds and Marcus B. Webber School Committee
The School Committee for 1854 & 55 submitted their report by reading the same in open town meeting

3 Voted to raise eight hundred and sixty Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuring year to be appropriated in the same manner as last year.
$860.00

4th Voted to raise thirteen hundred Dollars for the ordinary charges the ensuing year.
$1301.11

5th Voted to raise twelve hundred Dollars towards defraying the expense of building the South School House.
$1200.00

6th Voted to authorise their Treasurer to borrow the amount of money that is necessary to meet the current expenses of the town that accrue before the taxes become due.

7th Voted to indefinitely postpone the 7th article.

April Meeting Continued

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the ninth day of April Inst. at nine Oclock in the forenoon.

April 9th 1855 the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met agreeably to adjournment

8th " The Committee chosen at March meeting to consider the subject of building a receiving tomb submitted their report.
On motion of Wm Cushing voted to build a receiving Tomb at Shakspeare Cemetery
Voted that P. H. Chamberlin. Albert Dacon and Charles Spalding Cemetery Committee be empowered to build the same, to be completed by the last of October next.
Voted to raise one hundred and fifty Dollars to defray the expense of building the tomb.

9th " On motion of Elijah Brown voted to instruct the Assessors to equalise the valuation throughout the Town of Bedford.

10th " Voted to instruct the Selectmen to cause the Bell of each Church to be rung by the Sextons thereof three months alternately, Provided the compensation for said service does not exceed forty Dollars.
Care of the Town Hall voted to request the Selectmen to employ some Person to take care of the Town Hall.

11th Voted to build a Schoolhouse in the Center District suitable for two schools. Also voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to constitute a building Committee to contract for the building of the aforesaid house chose Thomas Stiles Albert Dacon and George Simonds.

April Meeting Continued

Voted to choose a Committee of five Persons to designate a suitable place to erect a School House in the Centre District chose George Simonds Samuel Sage 2d Charles Spalding Charles H. Dutton and Willard Wilson.

Voted to adjourn to one Oclock P.M.

One Oclock P.M. Town met agreeably to adjournment. The Committee appointed at this meeting to designate a suitable lot of land to build a School house upon in the Centre District submitted their report which is as follows. After examining several lots of land in different localities they have come to the conclusion unanimously that the lot of land situated on Spring St (so called) between the land of Gordon F Williams and Mrs C.R. Abbott and owned by Mrs Cynia Fitch, and taking that portion of the same which lies opposite the northerly half of the Burying ground commencing at a Stake situated eighteen feet from the Southeasterly corner of land of Mrs C. R. Abbott & running southerly five and one half rods, thence westerly eight rods northerly five and one half rods easterly eight rods to stake first mentioned is in their opinion the best piece of land upon which to build a School house that can be found in the centre School District and your Committee would earnestly recommend to the town to purchase the same for said purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

Dated April 9th 1855 George Simonds Chairman

Voted to accept the above report.

On motion voted that the building Committee be empowered to purchase a piece of land of David Fitch (designated by a Committee chosen for that purpose) if they can purchase at a price that they deem reasonable

April Meeting Continued

12th Voted to discharge the Committee from any further service in relation to the personal property at the town farm.

13 Voted to adopt a code of by laws for the restraining of Dogs. passed at a former meeting with the alteration of two dollars in place of one in the first article

Voted to authorise the Clerk to cause the approval of the Court of Common Pleas to the above named by laws and cause the same to be published if necessary.

The Cemetery Committee submitted their annual report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office

A true Record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to met at the town Hall in said town on Wednesday the twenty third day of May instant at two Oclock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the proposed amendments of the Constitution approved by the Governor the first day of May 1853.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Warrant for town Meeting May 23 1855

2 To hear a report of the Committee chosen at the last town meeting to purchase a piece of land of Daniel Tileh on which to erect a School house in the center School District. And do any thing in relation to procuring a suitable lot of land upon which to erect a School house and necessary buildings in said District.

3 To hear a report of the building Committee in relation to contracting for the building of a School house in the North District. and do any thing respecting the same.

4th To see what action the town will take in relation to a code of by laws passed at the last town meeting concerning the licensing regulating and restraining of Dogs.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford eleven days before the time for holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twelfth day of may in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
P. W. Chamberlin } of
Charles Spalding } Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up

Town Meeting May 25th 1835

attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid

Bedford May 23 1835

Charles M. Battingfield Constable of Bedford

A true copy, Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

The votes on the several propositions submitted to the People for their ratification and adoption were as follows.

No 1	Thirty voted yes	31
" "	two voted no	2
" 2	Thirty voted yes	30
" "	two voted no	2
" 3	twenty nine voted yes	29
" "	two voted no	2
" 4	Twenty nine voted yes	29
" "	Two voted no	2
" 5	Thirty two voted yes	32
" "	one voted no	1
" 6	Thirty voted yes	30
" "	Two voted no	2

Town Affairs.

1st Chose Geo Simonds moderator.

2 The Committee chosen by the town at a meeting held on the seventh day of April 1833 to purchase a lot of land of David Filch designated by the town upon which to erect a School house and necessary

Buildings, have attended to the duty assigned them, hereby report that said Fitch refuses to sell the same

All which is respectfully submitted

Thomas Stiles
Abiel Dacon
George Simonds
} Committee

Bellone May 23 - 1855

On motion voted to accept the above report.

Also on motion voted that whereas David Fitch has refused to sell a piece of land (designated by the Town as a suitable place for the erection of a School house and necessary buildings in the Center District agreeably to the provisions of the twenty third Chapter of the Revised Statutes) the Selectmen have the approbation of the Town in selecting at their discretion a lot of land on which to erect said School house and necessary buildings and lay out the same in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

3 The building Committee submitted a contract for the building of a School house in the North District which was approved and ordered to be consummated with Amos B. Cutler.

4th Voted to instruct the Clerk not to present the code of by laws (passed at the last town meeting) to the Court of Common Pleas for approval, but to place them on file in the Clerks Office.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 6th 1855

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of this Commonwealth.

Also for six Senators for the Middlesex District all on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next on a separate ballot.

Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner, County Treasurer and Register of Deeds on separate ballots.

The Poll for the choice of the above named Offices to be opened at ½ past nine O'Clock A.M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To hear and act upon a report of the Selectmen upon selecting and laying out a School house lot on land of Lewis Tilden in the centre School District to be taken and held for the purpose of erecting thereon a School house and necessary buildings

3d To see in what way and manner the town will raise money, and make the payment, or tender of payment, for the damages awarded to David Stiles, for the School house Lot.

4th To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight Hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford November 6th 1855

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Charles M. Butterfield
} Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 6th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Sedgwick met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

The whole number of ballots given in for Governor was one hundred and sixty four and were for the following Persons viz.

For	Henry J Gardner of Boston	Sixty seven	Votes 67
"	Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield	Sixty three	" 63
"	Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield	Nineteen	" 19
"	Samuel H. Walley of Roxbury	fifteen	" 15

The whole number of ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and sixty four and were for the following Persons viz

For	Henry H. Benshley of Worcester	Sixty six	Votes 66
"	Simon Brown of Concord	Sixty four	" 64
"	Hoyes Davenport of Boston	just twenty two	" 22
"	Caleb Nelson of Braintree	twelve	" 12

The whole number of ballots given in for Secretary of State was one hundred and sixty three and were for the following Persons viz.

For	Francis C. Gray of Boston	Sixty four	Votes 64
"	George T. Williams of Boston	Sixty four	" 64
"	Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge	thirteen	" 13
"	Randall S. Davis of Greenfield	twenty two	" 22

The whole number of ballots given in for Attorney General was one hundred and sixty three and were for the following Persons viz.

November Meeting Continued

For	Albert H. Nelson of Woburn	Sixty four	Votes	64
"	E. Rockwood Hoar of Concord	Sixty four	"	64
"	Reuben A Chapman of Springfield	fifteen	"	15
"	Nathaniel J Lord of Salem	twenty	"	20

The whole number of ballots given in for Treasurer and Receiver General was one hundred and sixty three and were for the following Persons Viz

For	Moses Grinnell Jr of Georgetown	Sixty four	Votes	64
"	Thomas J. Walsh of Waltham	Sixty four	"	64
"	John Saugent of Cambridge	twenty two	"	22
"	Aldman Bullock of Concord	thirteen	"	13

The whole number of ballots given in for Auditor of Accounts was one hundred and sixty three and were for the following Persons Viz.

For	Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury	Sixty four	Votes	64
"	Stephen A. Gifford of Duxbury	Sixty four	"	64
"	Joseph Michael of Boston	twenty	"	22
"	Giles H. Whitney of Winchendon	thirteen	"	13

The whole number of ballots given in for Senators was one hundred and sixty four and nine for the following Persons Viz.

For	Elihu C Baker of Medford	Sixty four	Votes	64
"	John A Bullock of Lowell	Sixty four	"	64
"	Z. H. Raymond of Cambridge	Sixty four	"	64
"	Ephraim H. Bull of Concord	Sixty four	"	64
"	Abiel A Lewis of Framingham	Sixty four	"	64
"	Benj H. Brown of Sudbury	Sixty four	"	64
"	Horace P Wakefield of Reading	Sixty four	"	64
"	Charles Hudson of Lexington	Sixty three	"	63
"	John A Smith of Lowell	Sixty four	"	64
"	Daniel Whitcomb of Newton	Sixty four	"	64

November Meeting Continued

For	Obadiah H. Albee of Waltham	Sixty four	Votes 64
"	Thomas M. Thompson of Pepperell	Sixty four	" 64
"	Josiah Wentworth of Lowell	Twenty two	" 22
"	James G. Greene of Cambridge	Twenty two	" 22
"	Lemuel Sabine of Framingham	Twenty two	" 22
"	Frederick C. Pierce of Winchester	fifteen	" 15
"	Charles Heard of Brighton	Twenty two	" 22
"	Horatio Moore of Waltham	fifteen	" 15
"	Jeremiah Martin of Melrose	fourteen	" 14
"	A. H. Ward of Newton	Twenty one	" 21
"	Samuel Lawrence of Lowell	fourteen	" 14
"	Moses L. Pingree of Stoneham	fourteen	" 14
"	James Gamish of Shirley	fourteen	" 14
"	Joseph Holbrook of Concord	Twenty one	" 21

The whole number of ballots given in for County Commissioner was one hundred and Sixty four and nine for the following Persons Viz.

For	Paul H. Sweetser of South Reading	forty four	Votes 44
"	Joseph Whitney of Cambridge	Sixty	" 60
"	Constantine C. Esty of Framingham	nineteen	" 19
"	Gersham L. Fall of Malden	eleven	" 11

The whole number of ballots given in for County Treasurer was one hundred and Sixty nine and nine for the following Persons Viz.

For	James Stone of Charlestown	Seventy one	Votes 71
"	James G. Fuller of Charlestown	fifty nine	" 59
"	Hedman Guthrie of Concord	Twenty three	" 23
"	Judson A. Murdock of Charlestown	twelve	" 12

The whole number of votes given in for Register of Deeds was one hundred and two and were for the following Persons. Viz.

November Meeting Continued

For Caleb Hayden of Cambridge eight, eight votes 88.
" Welcome Bishop of Groton Junction " 14.
Town Representative voted not to send this year.

Town Affairs

1st Chose Isaac L. Watts Moderator.

2 The Selectmen submitted their report on laying out a School house lot which is as follows.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Bedford having the approbation of the town as expressed at a town meeting held on the twenty third day of May 1855. Met this nineteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five and at our discretion selected and laid out a lot of land upon which to erect a School house and necessary buildings in the center School District, owned by Daniel Fitch of said Bedford, situated near the center of the said town on Spring Street (so called) first having given the said Fitch due notice of our intention to meet for that purpose who appeared and was heard in the matter, said lot is bounded as follows. Beginning on Spring Street five rods south of land of Mrs. Mary Ann. Abbott thence running North 65½° West eight rods to a stake and stones thence turning and running South 24½° West six rods to a Stake and stones thence turning and running South 65½° East eight rods to the road or Street aforesaid thence on said Street North 24½° East six rods to the first mentioned bound. said lot is bounded on three sides by land of said Fitch containing forty eight Square rods in accordance with a plan of the premises Surveyed and drawn by

November Meeting Continued

— Samuel Sage 2d of same date duly with to be taken Thild and used for a School House lot in accordance with the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

And in compensation therefor we award the said Pitch the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars damages exclusive of fencing, the town to build and maintain the fence.

All which is respectfully submitted to the town for approval acceptance and allowance

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Phinehas W. Chamberlin } of
Charles Spalding } Bedford

Bedford October 19th 1835

On motion voted to accept allow and agree to the above report

3 Voted that P. W. Chamberlin Town Treasurer be authorised to borrow the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars on the credit of the town and make the payment or tender of payment in behalf of the town to Daniel Pitch for the School house lot.

4th The Selectmen presented a list of Jurors
On motion of Reuben Bacon Jr. voted That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to revise the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen with instructions not to report as a candidate for Jurymen any one whose name has been placed in the Jury Box for the term of six

years since 1833 provided the competent men are within their knowledge.
The Chair appointed Reuben Bacon Jr. William A Sane. Edmund Hoar. Jonas Monroe and Thaddeus H. Davis. Committee.
The above named Committee reported the following list which was accepted by the Town to serve as Jurors for the term of one year Viz Isaac R. Bacon. Marcus B. Webber. Myes Y. Brown. Constantine Hill. William A Sane. Silas Wilkins. Isaac Hartwell. Oliver J. Sane. Henry Bosmer. Nathan P. Watts. Elijah Brown. Ephraim Jones. Edward Bacon. Levi M. Webber. Elbridge W. Stearns. Elbridge Jones.

A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 26th 1855

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty sixth day of November Inst at one O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 By request of Reuben Bacon jr and ten others to see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at the meeting held November 6th 1855 whereby the town accepted the report of the Selectmen in relation to land on which to build a School house

3 To see if the town will purchase a lot of land belonging to Lucius Stiles and erect a School house and Town Hall thereon or a School house disconnected from a Hall or do any thing respecting the same

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this thirteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight Hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

C. H. Butterfield
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and ~~acted~~ on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. moderator.

2 Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the sixth day of November 1855. whereby the town voted to accept the Selectmens report on taking a piece of land belonging to David Stiles on which to erect a School house.

3 Voted to purchase a lot of land of Lucius Stiles provided it can be obtained for the sum of five hundred Dollars.

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3 Voted to authorise Thomas Stiles and P. W. Chamberlin to purchase the above named lot of land of Lucius Stiles.

Voted that the School house (voted by the town April 9th 1855) be located on land to be purchased of Lucius Stiles when a title shall have been obtained.

Voted that Thomas Stiles & P. W. Chamberlin (purchasing committee) be authorised to borrow five hundred Dollars on the credit of the town to pay for the aforesaid lot of land.

On motion voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the seventeenth day of December Inst. at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of William Cushing and eleven others to see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to build a School house on the land recently purchased of Lucius Stiles.

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3 To see if the town will take measures to procure a more suitable lot whereon to build a School House and Town Hall or do any thing respecting the same.

4th To see if the town will instruct the Treasurer to sell the lot of land recently purchased of Lucius Stiles provided five hundred Dollars can be obtained for it

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this ninth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

Thomas Stiles
P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid
Bedford December 17th 1855

Charles M. Butterfield
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

214 Town Meeting December 17th 1855

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr moderator

2d Voted to reconsider the vote passed Nov 26th 1855 whereby the town voted to build a School house on land purchased of Darius Stiles.

3d Voted to refer the subject matter of the 3 article to the Center School District and they report their wishes to the town at their next town meeting.

4th Voted to indefinitely postpone the fourth article.

On motion voted to adjourn.

A true Record attest.

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford (Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the third day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2d To choose all necessary town Officers for the ensuing year.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 3 1856

3 To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

4th To raise money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

5th To see if the town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with their Teachers.

6th To see if the town will restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways.

7th To see if the town will take any measures to dispose of the old School house in the North District or do any thing respecting the same.

8th To hear a report of the Centre School District and act on the subject matter referred to them at a town meeting held December 17th 1855 in relation to locating a School house and town Hall.

And you are required to warn this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in Bridgewater nine days before the time for meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

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Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Thomas Stiles
P. H. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss.

Agreeably to the within I have summoned this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Charles M. Butterfield } Constable of Bedford.

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner Viz.

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. moderator

2d Chose Thomas Stiles Town Clerk } Sworn

Selectmen
Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
William M. Ashby
} Sworn

Assessors
Isaac P. Bacon
Elmer J. Lane
Arthur C. Read
} Sworn

Treasurer P. H. Chamberlin } Sworn

Overseers of the Poor — Thaddeus H. Davis, Joseph Phelps, Samuel Sage Jr.

Constables — William M. Ashby, William A. Lane } Sworn

Voted to let the collecting of the taxes at auction that service was let to Thomas C. Cutler for the sum of twenty eight Dollars $28.00

Chose Thomas C. Cutler Collector } Sworn

Chose Thomas B. Hosmer, P. W. Chamberlin } Auditors

Surveyors of wood & Bark — Thomas B. Hosmer, Charles M. Sutliff, Thomas Miles, Levi H. Hobbs, William A. Lane

Surveyors of Lumber — Thomas C. Cutler, Nathan Tiffany, William D. Reed, Charles A. Gage

Surveyors of Highways — William A. Lane, Merrill Whitcomb, Sylvester C. Salcomb, Peleg Sanger, William N. Hastings, Elbridge M. Higgins, Jonathan Lane, Elijah Brown, Constantine Hyde, Benjamin F. Hartwell, Galen C. Wood, Nathan C. Reed, Joseph Hartwell

Pound Keeper — William A. Putnam

March Meeting Continued

Annual Undertaker Charles C. Gragg

Fence Viewers — Abel B. Adams, John P. Reed, William Cushing } Sworn

Charles H. Bullingsley Chief Engineer
Fire Wards Isaac P. Dacon, William H. Ashby, Thomas C. Cutler, Geo. Simonds, Charles C. Gragg } Sworn

Surveyors of Shingles — Nathan C. Cutler, William P. Reed } Sworn

Field Drivers — William Cushing, William Emmett, Abel B. Adams, Joel Mansfield, Stephen Haynes Jr., Cyrus Page, Jonas Putnam

Voted to refer the choice of School Committee and other town Officers to this meeting.

Voted to suspend the rule in order to act on some resolutions presented by John W. Simonds which was accepted and ordered to be recorded for future reference.

Resolved That it is necessary for the accommodation of the public that the sale of Spirituous liquors be authorised in this town.

Resolved That the Selectmen are hereby requested to appoint an agent or agents for the sale of Spirituous liquors in accordance with the provisions of law.

The vote in favor

Resolved—That the Clerk make a record of the votes hereon for future reference.
Bedford March 3 1856.

3 Voted That the Roads and Bridges be repaired by assessing a tax upon the Polls & Estates to be expended in Labor at the rate of $1.5 per hour, and that to those who may pay money on receiving notice to labor a discount of 21 per cent be made. And also an additional sum to be paid in money be assessed upon the polls and estates to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen upon the Roads & Bridges.

4th Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars to be expended in labor at 15 Cents per hour. under the direction of the several Surveyors of Highways. Also voted to raise three hundred Dollars in money to be expended on the Roads & Bridges under the direction of the Selectmen.

5th Voted to authorise the prudential Committee in the several School Districts to contract with their teachers.

6th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways.

7th Voted to sell the old School house in the North District at Auction for cash at the next April meeting the Building to be removed within Sixty Days or be forfeited to the town
Also voted That P. W. Chamberlin be authorised to advertise and make the conditions of sale and give a bill of the same.

March Meeting Continued 1856

5th Voted that the matter which was referred to the Center School District be referred to a Committee of seven and they report to the town at April meeting next.

Chose William Cushing Jonas Minot Abel B. Adams Charles W. Bragg John L. Blake James S. Cutler & Hamilt Whitcomb.

Voted to open the eighth article to April meeting next

The Selectmen submitted their report on the expenses of the town which was accepted

The Treasurer submitted his report on the finances of the town which was accepted

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted

A true Record
Attest Thomas Niles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 7th 1856

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at one O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles of town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the unfinished business agreed upon at March meeting relating to town Offices and fill any vacancy that may occur in any town office.

3 To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

4th To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the current year.

5th To hear a report of a Committee chosen at March meeting in relation to the subject of procuring a more suitable place on which to erect a Town Hall and School house and act on the subject matter referred to them.

6 To request of the Committee chosen at March Meeting to see if the town will repair and enlarge the Town hall so as to better accommodate the town for public meetings or do any thing respecting the same

252 Warrant for April meeting Continued

7th To see if the town will abate any part of the taxes assessed on the Estates for the year 1853 or do any thing in part-ing the same.

8th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell and care of the town Hall.

9th To see if the town will appropriate Ten Dollars to each of the Districts (East West & North) and choose a Committee to expend the same in transplanting trees to the several School House lots.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty eighth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
Wm M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses nine days before the time of said meeting as within required. Wm M. Ashby Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk Bedford

April Meeting Continued

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Reuben Bacon Jr. moderator.

2 School Committee chose Samuel Sage Jr
George Simonds
Marcus B. Webber

Surveyors of highways Chose Thomas Stiles in place of Merrill Whitcomb Declined. Also chose Jonas Putnam in place of Galon Wood resigned Chose John Smith in place of Joseph Hartwell Declined. Chose George Crosby in place of P. C. Balcom Declined

Cemetery Committee chos. P. W. Chamberlin.
Charles Spalding.
Charles C. Gage.

The School Committee for 1855 submitted their report by reading the same in open town meeting.

The Cemetery Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

3 Voted to raise one thousand Dollars for the support of Schools the current year $1000.00 Voted to apportion the same in the same manner as last year.

4th Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the current year $1500.00

April Meeting Continued

5th The Committee submitted their report which after being amended was voted back to the same Committee with instruction to confer with the Center District and report to the town at some future meeting.

6th Voted in the negative.

7th Voted in the negative.

8th Voted to refer the subject of the ringing of a Bell to the Selectmen.

Care of the Town Hall was let at Auction to Jonathan Lane for 10cts a time for opening and closing and sweeping & Dusting the seats and sweeping the Stairs and cleaning the steps from snow and Ice. On motion of Samuel Sage, Voted that if the contractor fails to perform the above duties the Selectmen are requested to displace the above named person and employ some person in his place.

9th Voted in the negative.

A true record attest

Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 5th 1856

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at five O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To hear the report of the Committee to which was referred the subject of selecting a more suitable lot of land for the erection of a Town Hall and School rooms and act thereon.

3 To see if the town will reconsider their vote passed on the 7th of April 1855 respecting building a schoolhouse in the center District suitable for two schools.

4th To see if the town will build a new town Hall in connexion with two school rooms in the center District.

5th To see if the town will raise one thousand dollars and direct the Treasurer to borrow whatever may be needed above that amount to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the plan proposed by the Committee in such manner as the town may direct or do any thing respecting the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

6th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to sell and convey the lot of land lately purchased of Thomas Miles when ever in his judgment he shall believe it for the interest of the town or take such action as they shall see fit in relation to the same.

7th By request of Mrs Thomas Deane. To see if the town will sell the land on which the old School House stands upon in the East district or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty sixth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Thomas Miles
Charles Spalding
Wm. M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Agreeably to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses nine days before the time of said meeting aforesaid

Wm M. Ashby. Constable of Bedford.

A true copy attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 5th 1856

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the town met and acted on the matter contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. moderator

2 The Committee submitted their report with resolutions, which with the resolutions was amended and accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

Voted That so much of the report of the Committee as relates to the purchase of the estate of Lucius Stiles be referred to a committee to confer with him and report at an adjourned meeting, the best terms that can be arranged for the purchase of so much of his estate lying against the eastern part of the old Common as will be necessary for the use of the town. Chose P. W. Chamberlin Thomas Stiles and William H. Ashby. Committee.

Voted That so much of the report of the Committee as relates to the plans and estimates be referred to a committee to procure a plan and estimate of the cost of constructing a building suitable for the wants of the District, and the commencement of a Public Hall for the use of the town. and report at an adjourned meeting Chose Nathaniel C. Cutler William Parker and Isaac P. Bacon. Committee.

Voted to lay the 2 article on the table.

3 Voted to reconsider the vote passed April 9th 1855 respecting building a School House in the Center District suitable for two schools.

Town Meeting May 5th 1856

Voted to lay the 4th 5th & 6th articles on the table

7th Voted to authorise and direct the Treasurer to sell and convey in behalf of the town all their right & title to the old School house lot in the East district to Mrs Prudence Dean for a consideration of one dollar, whereon she shall have obtained a deed in fee of all the land adjoining said lot, and removed the old school house from its present site, and located it permanently elsewhere.

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 19th Instant at five Oclock in the afternoon.

May 19th 1856 Town met Agreeable to adjournment.

The Committee chosen to confer with Lucius Stiles in relation to the best terms that his estate could be purchased for with or without the buildings submitted a verbal report that the best terms that the corner lot situated on main and South Streets could be purchased for was three thousand dollars.

Voted to take the 2 article from the table

Voted to authorise the Treasurer to purchase the corner lot with the buildings thereon situated on main and south Streets belonging to Lucius Stiles for a sum not to exceed three thousand dollars.

Voted to take the 4th article from the table.

4th Voted to build a new Town Hall for the use of the town, in connection with two new School-

– Rooms for the use of the Center District.

Voted The committee to whom was referred the subject of procuring a plan and estimate of the cost of the proposed building submitted several plans and estimate of the cost of the aforenamed Town Hall and School rooms to be $7000 exclusive of the land. After an examination and explanation of the plans they were referred back to the same committee.

Voted to choose a building committee of three chose Nathaniel C Cutler William Parker & Isaac P Dacon.

Voted to instruct the building committee to bring in plans and specifications of a Town Hall and two School rooms 37 by 60 feet with Basement Story to finish ten feet in the clear height not to exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars exclusive of the land for the acceptance of the Town at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to lay the 4th Article on the table.

Voted to take from the table the 5th Article.

5th Voted to raise the sum of one thousand dollars by assessing a tax on the polls and Estate of this town the Ensuing year.

Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such other sums as is necessary for the purchase of the land & building of the aforenamed Town Hall and School Rooms.

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 26th Instant at one O'Clock in the afternoon.

May Meeting Continued

May 26th 1836 the Town met agreeable to adjournment.

P. W. Chamberlin made a verbal report that he had purchased the lot of land with the buildings thereon of Lucius Stiles situated on the corner of main and South streets for the sum of Three thousand dollars

Voted to take the 4th article from the table

The building committee presented two plans of the proposed building which after an examination by the Town was recommitted.

Voted that two members be added to the building committee, Chase Thomas Stiles and William M. Ashley. Also voted that the aforenamed committee be authorised to contract for and build such a house as they may think is for the advantage and convenience of the Town

Voted that the building Committee be instructed to use their best efforts to have the new Town Hall and school rooms ready for occupancy on or before the first day of November next.

Voted That the Building Committee be instructed to have the corner stone of the new building laid with the usual ceremonies and the usual deposits made under it.

Voted to take the 6th article from the table

6th Voted in the negative.

Reuben Bacon Jr. moved that in view of the present relations existing between the Free & Slave States of this Republic, a Committee of three be appointed to report to this meeting what action (if any) it is expedient for the People of Bedford to take in the premises.

The following persons were appointed under the above vote. Reuben Bacon Jr.
Rev. William Cushing & Thomas S. Hosmer

The above named Committee submitted the following Preamble and Resolutions, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded with the records of the Town.

Whereas a distinguished member of Congress from this State, by his noble defence and advocacy of the cause of freedom, has drawn upon himself the rage and vengeance of the Slave power; and

Whereas, the whole power of our National Government, which was established for the support of Liberty is now exerted to destroy it in an important section of our Union.

Believing that at the present time a battle is going on, which surpasses for in moral grandeur the whole war of the Revolution! And Believing that the times demands that every man should let his voice be heard in defence of those rights for which our Revolutionary Fathers contended so gloriously; and that this Town should send forth its cry of indignation, and its resolutions & resistance as they did in those times that tried Mens Souls. Therefore, Resolved, That we the people of Bedford in Town meeting assembled view with grief and indignation

May 3 Meeting Continued

The recent most cowardly brutal & demoniacal assault made in the Senate Chamber at Washington, upon the Hon Charles Sumner our distinguished, and true hearted Senator on account of his simply but fully representations of the infamous character and influences of Slavery and its defenders.

Resolved, That our heartiest sympathies are with the Free State men of Kansas, in their heroic struggles for Freedom, that we entirely approve of their whole course of action, as both just judicious, legal, and orderly; and that we regard with utter disapprobation and dismay the efforts of President Pierce and his Cabinet, to bind upon them the chains of Slavery.

Resolved.

That unless the Slave Power be soon checked in its insolent demands, and reckless advances, we have reason to cherish serious apprehensions, that by the decision of some unprincipled Judge, or the abuse of executive power the curse of Slavery may be again fastened upon the free States and that Senator Rumbs will even call his Slaves roll at the foot of Bunker hill as he boasts he will do.

Resolved That as American Citizens appreciating the blessings of Liberty bequeathed to us by our Fathers, we will make a firm and manly resistance to the encroachments of the Slave power, and do what in us lies to bring back our Government to the principles upon which it was founded;

But Voting in this we recommend that Massachusetts withdraw her delegation

from Congress and solicit the cooperation of the Three Sister States, in forming a more perfect Union, based upon the principles embodied in the declaration of independance.

A true record
Attest. Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 6th 1831

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and the town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the ninth day of June next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 To see if the town will authorise the building Committee to take down the Town House and use the materials in the erection of the new Hall and School rooms or do any thing respecting the same.

3 To see what measures the town will take to dispose of the land and buildings purchased of Lucius Stiles that are not needed for a site for the new Town Hall and school rooms.

4th To see what provision the Town will make in relation to the schools in the Centre District while the new Town Hall and school rooms are in process of erection.

5th To see if the Town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to take gravel from the land formerly of Isaiah Stiles.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in Bedford seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this thirty first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
Wm M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses seven days before the time of said meeting as aforesaid

Wm M. Ashby
} Constable of Bedford

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 9th 1856

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the town met and acted on the matter contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose George W. Webster moderator.

2 Voted to authorize the building committee to take down the Town Hall and use the material in the erection of a new Hall and School rooms.

3 Voted that the building Committee be instructed to sell at their discretion the Barn and Shop situated on land purchased of D. Stiles May 31st/56 (or either of them). Also voted that the Treasurer be instructed to take charge of the House and lands purchased of D. Stiles (that is not needed for the Town Hall & School rooms) rent the same and collect the rents and of the buildings insured

4 Voted to instruct the building Committee to fit up the Shop (occupied by W. H. Sutherland) for the accommodation of the schools or make some other provision for them when they wish to take down the Town Hall.

5th Voted in the negative.

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

266 Warrant for Town Meeting. Aug 4th 1856

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the fourth day of August next at half past six o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To see if the Town will request the Committee or any part of the same to resign forthwith or do any thing respecting the same.

3 In case of such resignation to see if the Town will fill the vacancy or choose a new Committee.

4th To see if the Town will take any action with regard to the contracts already made or about to be made or do any thing respecting the same.

5th To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed May 26th/56 whereby they voted to have the corner stone to the new Town Hall, laid with the usual ceremonies, and the usual deposites made under it.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof

at each of the publick meeting houses in said
-ord nine days before the time of holding
this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to the Town
Clerk at the time and place of meeting
as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this
twenty sixth day of July in the year
one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
Wm. M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.
Agreable to the within I have served this
warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the publick Meeting
houses nine days before the time
of said meeting aforesaid.

Wm. M Ashby
} Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice
the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met
on the Common (the Town Hall having been
taken down) and acted on the matters
contained in the warrant in the following
manner

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

Town Meeting. August 4th 1836

2 Voted to lay the 2 Article on the table.

3 Voted to lay the 3 Article on the Table.

4th Voted to lay the 4th Article on the Table

5th Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the 26th ult May last whereby the Town voted to have the Corner Stone to the new Town Hall laid with the usual ceremonies and the usual deposites made under it

William Cushing submitted the following Resolution which was passed and ordered to be recorded with the record of this meting.

Resolved; That we heartily approve the energy and independence of our building Committee and hope they will go on without fear or favor, and with the same zeal and good judgement until they have completed the important work which they have so faithfully commenced.

A true record

Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town meeting. December 4th 1856

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the first Congregational Church in Bedford on the fourth day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon it being Tuesday, the first Monday of said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for District number six a Secretary, Treasurer & receiver General Attorney General Auditor & Representatives for this Commonwealth and for six Senators for Middlesex District. Also for three Commissioners Inspectors Ballot Clerks & Sheriffs Register of Probate Clerk of the Courts for the County of Middlesex one County Commissioner and two Special County Commissioners for said County and one District Attorney for the Northern District. Also a Representative to represent the District No 8 in the Congress of the United States. Also for thirteen Electors for President and Vice President of the United States to meet and assemble at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday in December next and one person each of the Electoral Districts within the Commonwealth on one ballot. Also for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will accept of the alteration of that part of the road which is now the town way leading from Main Street Southerly by the new Town House as laid out by the Select men October 24th 1836.

3d To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Select men.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of

[illegible]

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Thomas Miles
Charles Spalding
Wm Mc Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Agreeable to the within I have warned this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses nine days before the time of said meeting aforesaid

Attest Wm Ashby Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting. November 4th 1856

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and which the Inhabitants met and acted on the matters contained in the foregoing warrant in the following manner

Whole number of ballots brot in in Governor was one hundred and Seventy four and were for the following persons.

For Henry J. Gardner of Boston one hundred & nineteen votes
" Erastus D. Beach of Springfield thirty eight — votes
" Luther V. Bell of Charlestown Eighteen "
" Geo. William Coffin of Boston one "

Whole number of ballots brot in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and seventy six

For Henry H. Childs of Worcester one hundred and twenty two votes
" Albert P. Currier of Fitchburg thirty eight — votes
" Henry Fort of Gloucester Sixteen "

Whole number of ballots brot in for Secretary of State was one hundred and seventy six

For Francis De Witt of Ware one hundred twenty two votes
" Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge thirty eight — "
" William S. Robertson of Worcester Sixteen "
" Luther M. Cornell of Boston one "

Whole number of ballots brot in for Attorney General was one hundred and eighty six

For John H. Clifford of New Bedford one hundred and eighty six votes
" Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham thirty eight "

The whole number of ballots bro' in for Treasurer and Receiver General was one hundred and seventy seven

For Royal Stearns of Cambridge one hundred and forty two votes
" Nathan Sutherland of Concord thirty nine "
" John Sargent of Chelsea six "
" George Baxter of Lynn one "

Whole number of ballots bro' in for Auditor of Accounts was one hundred and seventy seven

For Charles R. Ransom of Roxbury one hundred and forty two votes
" Giles H. Whitney of Winchendon thirty eight "
" Joseph Mitchell of Boston six teen "
" Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford one "

The whole number of ballots bro' in for Commissioner of Insurance was one hundred and seventy eight

For William S. Eames of Malden one hundred twenty three votes
" Walter Frothingham of Worcester forty eight "
" Simon N. Robinson of Lexington Sixteen "
" Josiah G. Peabody of Lowell one "

The whole number of ballots bro' in for Senators for the District of Middlesex was one hundred and seventy eight

For Warwick H. Allen of Marlborough one hundred and forty two votes
" Albert Bowers of Lowell one hundred twenty three "
" Constantine C. Esty of Framingham one hundred twenty three "
" Cushman Harrington of Natick one hundred twenty three "
" James H. Ushed of Medford one hundred twenty three "
" Joseph White of Lowell one hundred twenty three "
" Andrew H. Ward of Newton thirty eight "
" John S. Bolles of Winchester thirty eight "

For Oliver Fairbanks of Sudbury thirty eight votes
" S. C. Sawyer of Cambridge thirty eight "
" Silas Wellington of Ashby thirty eight "
" Timothy Butterfield of Dunstable thirty eight "
" Abial Lewis of Framingham seventeen "
" H. H. Sheldon of Concord seventeen "
" Dwight Graves of Sutton seventeen "
" James Dana of Charlestown seventeen "
" S. K. Hutchinson of Lowell seventeen "
" James James Jr of Pinehurst seventeen "

The whole number of ballots lost in for Clerk of Courts was one hundred and seventy eight

For Seth Davis of Cambridge one hundred and eighty votes
" Samuel R. Gt of Cambridge thirty eight "

The whole number of ballots lost in for Sheriff was one hundred and seventy eight

For John S. Keyes of Concord one hundred and [illegible] votes
" Edmund Dalrymple of Lowell seventeen "
" Joseph Hubbard of Concord thirty eight "

The whole number of ballots lost in for District Attorney was one hundred and seventy eight

For Isaac S. Morse of Lowell one hundred twenty three votes
" Daniel H. Hudson of Sutton thirty eight "
" H. H. Wood of Wayland seventeen "

Whole number of ballots lost in for County Commissioners was one hundred and seventy eight

For John M. Green of Lowell one hundred and three votes
" Edward Brooks of Charlestown thirty eight "
" Charles A. Wood[illegible]dale of Charlestown seventeen "

November Meeting Continued

The whole number of ballots cast in person Commissioners was one hundred seventy eight

Hon. John Holmes of Auburn one hundred twenty three votes
Wm. Hastings of Framingham one hundred twenty three "
Corey Shaw of Lakeland thirty eight "
Joseph Dunckle of Brighton thirty eight "
Nicks Chamberlain of Boston seventeen "
E. B. Phillips of Salisbury seventeen "

The whole number of ballots cast in for Commissioners of Insolvency was one hundred and seventy eight

Dea Silas L. Hatch of Lowell one hundred twenty three votes
" Josiah Nutter of Waltham one hundred twenty three "
" John M. Bacon of Salisbury one hundred twenty three "
" Abner L. Davis of Lowell thirty eight "
" Francis Wolfe of Somerville thirty eight "
" Asa Gray of Newburyport thirty eight "
" Geo Washington Warren of Charlestown Seventeen "
" W. S. Gardner of Lowell seventeen "
" Z. H. Heard of Hingham seventeen "

The whole number of votes cast in for Register of Probate was one hundred seventy eight

Dea Alfred A Prescott of Reading one hundred twenty three votes
" J. Converse of Woburn thirty eight "
" Isaac Fisher of Boston seventeen "

The whole number of ballots cast in for Register of Insolvency was one hundred seventy eight

Dea Jos. A. Tyler of Cambridge one hundred twenty three votes
" Wm. E. Parmenter of West Cambridge thirty eight "
" Abraham Edwards of Cambridge seventeen "

The whole number of ballots taken for Electors for President and Vice President was one hundred and eighty one

For Electors at large

Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield one hundred and twenty three
Thomas Coll of Pittsfield one hundred and twenty three
Nathaniel J. Lee of Salem forty
Whiting Griswold of Springfield forty
William Appleton of Boston eighteen
Charles G. Rhodes of Medford eighteen

District No 1 John Hinson of Easton one hundred and twenty three
Abraham H. Hathaway of New Bedford forty
John Bayles of New Bedford eighteen

" No 2 Josiah B. Wheeler of Bridgewater one hundred and twenty three
Samuel Hoar of Concord forty
Henry Wilson of Natick eighteen

" No 3 George R. Russell of West Roxbury one hundred and twenty three
Nathaniel I. Bowditch of Newburyport forty
Alfred B. Ely of Newton eighteen

" No 4 George Osborne of Boston one hundred and twenty three
Patrick Kelly of South Boston forty
Nicholas Wilson of Boston eighteen

" No 5 Francis J. Oakes of Boston one hundred and twenty three
Daniel Crafts of Boston forty
Zebedee Cook of Cambridge eighteen

" No 6 George N. Briggs of Lanesborough one hundred and twenty three
William Mackintosh of Stockbridge forty
Henry Dwight of Salem eighteen

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Whitehall [illegible] James M. Wilkes of Bridgeport one hundred twenty three votes
Edward Riddle of Charlestown forty "
Silas L. Dix of Charlestown eighteen "

Ward No 8 John Smith of Paine one hundred twenty three "
James C. Abbott of Paine forty "
Jefferson Durand of Paine eighteen "

Ward No 9 John S. C. Hamilton of Munster one hundred twenty three "
George M. Bradley of Munster forty "
Joseph M. Black of Munster eighteen "

Ward No 10 Charles E. Wales of Southington one hundred twenty three "
Monroe P. Blandland of Palmer forty "
Joseph E. Marsh of Chester Falls eighteen "

Ward No 11 Franklin Wolfe of Cumberland one hundred twenty three "
Thomas E. Hurlbut of Pittsfield forty "
Franklin Wilson of Canton eighteen "

The whole number of ballots given in for Representative to Congress 5th District was one hundred and eighty one for the following persons.

Hon Thomas D. Knapp of Dorset one hundred and twenty three votes
" Thomas F. Sutton of Dorset forty eight "
" Chas. A. Davis of Farmington three "

Hon Town Representative to the General Court whole number of ballots given in was two hundred and twenty eight

Hon Henry J. Patrick Town Clerk by eight votes Found was declared elected.

Town Affairs

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. Moderator.

The Selectmen submitted their report on Straightening and widening the Town way leading to the Meet House South by the new Town House. which report was accepted and ordered to be placed on the records of the Town which is as follows.

Upon request of Samuel Sage Jr. and others the Selectmen of the Town of Sturgis have laid out a Straightening and widening on the use of the Town in the road from Meet House South by the new Town House.

Beginning at the Southeast angle of the Gore by Ephraim and recorded by the Town Records Jan. A.D. 1825 thence runs on said South side by the a straight line to and by the West Corner of Nathan G. Gitlow's Hill & Comes to an angle, and continuing on the same straight line till it meets the line of the North side of the road on the south side of the Corner house owned by Asa Hopkins 53 feet 6 inches thence Northerly by a straight line to the Northwest angle of the meeting House way, taking land formerly belonging to the estate of Asa Hopkins deceased, and Common land of the first Parish.

Laid out & recorded as above by the Town Committee by the Selectmen June 3 1844 and accepted by the Town June 17 1844 as the Records of the Town more fully show.

The bounds of said road are on the westerly side the road as now used is 53 ft. 6 inches wide. The road the first Parish

November Meeting Continued

The sum of Twenty five Dollars was allowed to Pollard for the Road which Road is built, reported to the Town for acceptance.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding }
Wm. M. Ashby } of
} Biddeford

Biddeford October 24th 1836

The Selectmen presented the following list of persons to serve as Jurors which was accepted by the Town, viz.

Jesse Thacher, John A. Billings
John Cleave, William H. Webb
John D. Hill, Daniel Cleaveland
Simon Cole, William L. Adams
Joseph Hill, U. P. Johnson
A. C. Butler 2nd, Isaac S. Watts
Benjamin Sayer, Merrill Whitcomb
Silas Littlefield, Charles C. Cleaves

A true Record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Feb 3 1857

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs To meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the third day of February next at one O'Clock in the afternoon To act on the following articles

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To hear a report from the Committee charged with the subject of building a Town Hall and two School rooms within each School District, and to take such action thereon as the Town may direct.

3 To see if the Town will take the necessary cause in order to effect an insurance against loss by fire of the Town Hall building and other public buildings or do anything respecting the same.

4th To see if the Town will adopt regulations for the use of the new Hall and other public buildings for the public Schools

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Henry Hall not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
Wm. M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of said meeting aforesaid

William M. Ashby, Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose P. W. Chamberlin moderator.

2. The building Committee made a verbal report on the expenses of the Town House building as far as they had completed the same

On motion of John M. Simonds, Voted that the Committee in charge of the building

The Town Hall, are requested to report at a future meeting, the expense in detail, for that building and the land enclosed for the same in separate items.

3 Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to effect an Insurance on the Town House building, to the amount of five thousand dollars, for the term of five years. Chose P. H. Chamberlin. Elliot Bacon and Isaac P. Bacon.

Voted to authorise the Onseers of the Poor to effect an insurance against loss by fire of the buildings upon the Town Farm, and if they deem it necessary to change the present policy of insurance, they are authorised to effect that object by changing the same.

4th Voted to choose a Committee of seven to draft a set of rules and regulations for the use of the Town Hall and School Rooms and report the same at the next Town meeting. Chose Samuel Sage jr. Geo. Sinkards. Reuben Bacon jr. Eyres Page. N. M. Edwards. Hiram Clark. and William A. Dame.

A resolve offered by Reuben Bacon jr. was referred to the above named Committee, viz. Also voted that until the Committee chosen to report rules & regulations for the use of the Town Hall, make their report, the same be entrusted to Charles Spalding, with instructions to open it for all the usual purposes including Canoing to all the Inhabitants of the Town they paying the prime cost of the same.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 2d 1857

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford (Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 To see what method the Town will take to repair the roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

4th To raise money for the repair of the roads and bridges the year ensuing.

5th To see if the Town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several Districts to contract with their Teachers.

6th To see if the Town will restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common grounds and highways the ensuing year.

7th To see if the Town will alter the line by an exchange of land, and divide the fence with Charles M. Burtinshaw on the Easterly side of the Town House and comm

Estate in accordance with a proposed arangem
ent made by the Treasurer and the building
Committee and Charles M. Bullfinch and
authorise some Person to make and receive
a conveyance of the land exchanged and
divide the fence or do any thing respecting
the same.

8th To see if the Town will reset the wall on the
Concord Road, by land of Miss C. M. Tilton
thrown down by the Surveyors of Highways,
or do anything respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warant
by posting up attested copies thereof at each
of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford
nine days before the time of holding this
meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of
this warant, with your doings thereon, to the
Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting
as afore said.
Given under our hands at Bedford this
nineteenth day of February in the year
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

Thomas Stiles
Charles Spalding
William M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Agreeable to the within I have served this warant
by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the
public Meeting Houses nine days before the
time of said meeting aforesaid

Attest William M. Ashby Constable of Bedford

Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 2 1857

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. moderator

2 Chose Thomas Stiles Town Clerk } Sworn

Selectmen { John P. Reed, William A. Stearns, Wm M. Ashby } Sworn

Assessors { Isaac P. Dane, Elias J. Dane, Nathan C. Reed } Sworn

Overseers of the Poor { Rhadelus H. Davis, Joseph Phelps, Samuel Sage Jr. }

Constables { William A. Dane, Thomas C. Cutler } Sworn

Treasurer P. W. Chamberlin } Sworn

Voted to sell the collection of taxes at auction that service was struck off to Thomas C. Cutler for the sum of twenty four Dollars.
Chose Thomas C. Cutler Collector & Sworn

Voted to have the taxes collected in the following manner, one half shall be paid on the first Monday of October the remainder on the first Monday of February, with twelve days grace on each payment. If the first half is not paid promptly the whole tax may be demanded

and collected. All single Polls to be collected on demand.

Auditors Chose P. H. Chamberlin
Isaac P. Bacon

Surveyors of Highways Chose William L. Sage
Joseph B. Hodgman. Hiram P. Bacon. Henry Goodwin. Hiram Clark. Benjamin J. Gaines Cyrus Page. Edward Flint. Asa Farnsworth. John S. Davis William Brockway, Nathan Hastings

Pound Keeper Chose Benjamin G. Hosmer

Funeral Undertaker Charles C. Gragg

Selectmen Samuel Sage Jr.
Wm A. Stearns
Henry Hosmer
Sworn

Charles M. Sutherland Chief Engineer

Fire Wards Isaac P. Bacon
Joseph Phelps
Oliver W. Dane
Joel Mansfield
William A. Stearns
Sworn

Surveyors of Shingles Elbridge Hartwell
Oliver J. Dane
Sworn

Surveyors of Wood and Bark Levi N. Wilder
Thomas Stiles
Amos B. Cutler
Thomas D. Hosmer
William A. Dane
Sworn

March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Lumber Chose
William M. Ashby
William G. Reed
Amos B. Cutler
Samuel Sage 2d
} Sworn

Field Drivers Samuel Sage 2d
Thomas Miles
Geo W. Webster
Abner B. Lane Sworn
Cyrus Page
Joseph Hartwell
Thomas G. Butler

Voted to defer the Choice of School Committee and other Town Officers to April meeting.

3d Voted to repair the Roads and Bridges in the same manner as last year.

4th Voted to raise the sum of six hundred Dollars to be expended in labor at 15 cts pr hour under the direction of the Surveyors of Highways and to those that chose to pay money then voted to work a discount of twenty pr cent shall be made. Also voted to raise the additional sum of two hundred Dollars to be expended on the Highways and Bridges under the direction of the Selectmen

5th Voted to authorise the prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with their Teachers.

6th Voted to restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways.

7th Voted to postpone the 7th Article to April meeting.

8 Voted to refer the 8th Article to April Meeting.

The Selectmen submitted their report on the expenses of the Town which was accepted

Also their report on Guide Posts and Guide boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Treasurer submitted his report on the finances of the Town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Selectmen submitted their report on the Liquor Agency which was accepted with a request to have the agency continued.

The Committee chosen at the last Town meeting to draft rules and regulations for the use of the Town Hall & School Rooms submitted two reports on the Town Hall which was referred to April Meeting.

On the rules and orders for the use and care of the School rooms they submitted a report which was accepted and ordered to have them printed on a card for the use of the several School Houses

On the resolution offered by Reuben Bacon the above named Committee report that it is inexpedient to take further action respecting the same.
Referred to April meeting.

March Meeting Continued

A resolve offered by P. H. Chamberlin in relation to the use of the Anteroom in the Town House was refused to a special meeting.

John H. Simonds offered a set of resolutions in relation to Posting Warants for Town meetings, which was refused to a special meeting

Thomas Miles (a member of the building Committee) read a communication from Charles Jane Esq of Boston presenting to this Town a valuable Time Piece which was accepted, and with the following Preamble and resolutions offered by the Clerk was ordered to be placed on Record.

Gentlemen

Allow me to present through you, to the "Town of Bedford" the clock now placed in the Hall you have just erected, a building whose beauty and commodiousness speaks well for the liberality of the citizens of my native Town, the excellent taste of their Committee.

The donor left his native Town many years since, but ever remembers it with fond affection, as containing the home of his infancy, the haunts of his early boyhood and the last resting place of her who watched over those years & early taught her son the lesson that honesty and industry is the sure road to true prosperity," so may your sons commence their career with the added advantages which this day of schools Lyceums, Libraries &c afford.

crown their native Town with honors, and
reap for themselves a noble reward—
With sincere respect I
am gentlemen, your obedient servant.
Charles Lane.

Boston 19 City Wharf January 12th 1857

To Thomas Stiles, Nathaniel Cutler
and others, building committee.

Preamble. Whereas Charles Lane Esqr of Boston
has presented to the Town of Bedford
as a token of his affection and remembrance of his native Town, the beautiful
Time Piece which now adorns our Town
Hall

Resolved That the Town accept of this present
with reciprocal feelings of respect and
regard for him.

Resolved That the thanks of this Town are
hereby presented to the donor.

Resolved That these resolutions with the communication from Mr Lane be placed on
record, and the Clerk be directed to present a copy of the same to the donor.

A true
Record Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

291 Warrant for Town Meeting April 6th 1857

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2 To act on the unfinished business of said Town Each meeting relating to town affairs and fill any vacancy that may occur in any Town Office.

3 To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

4th To raise money to defray the the ordinary charges of the Town the current year.

5th To see if the Town will raise money to pay any part of the expenses and debt incurred in building the Town house.

6th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay any Town debt which may be called for. And also to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to meet expenses for the current year.

7th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell and care of the Town Hall.

8th To act on the seventh and eighth articles refered from March meeting.

9th To act on the refered report of the Committee respecting rules and regulations of the Town Hall. Also the report of said Committee respecting a resolution offered by Reuben Bacon jr.

10th To act on the resolution offered by P. W. Chamberlin in relation to use of the Anteroomes, refered from March meeting.

11th To act on resolutions offered by John W. Simmonds in relation to posting warants which was refered from March meeting.

12th By request of Abiel Bacon and six others To see what method the Town will take to grade and repair the street or road on the East side of the Common of the first Parish Commencing at the main road leading to Lexington and running Southerly to a point intersecting the North line of the Estate of Samuel Wyman or do any thing respecting the same

13th By request of Reuben Bacon jr and seven others to see if the town will take measures to dispose of the Estate purchased of Lucius Miles on the corner of Main and Faith Streets or do anything respecting the same

14th To see if the Town will dispose of the portion land purchased of Lucius Miles or do any thing respecting the same.

Warrant for April Meeting Continued

15th By request of James Hallock to see if the Town will build a School house for the South District or do any thing respecting the same.

16th By request of Charles H. Gage to see if the Town will alter and repair their House or do any thing respecting the same.

17th To see if the Town will divide the fence with N. C. Cutler on the South side of School House yard or do any thing respecting the same

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

John P. Reed
Wm A Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 6th 1857

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as aforesaid

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

William L. Dane Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting April 6th 1857

1st Chose John W. Simonds Moderator

2 Chose. Samuel Sage Jr
George Simonds
Marcus B. Webber
} School Committee

P. W. Chamberlin Chairman of the Cemetery Committee submitted his annual report which was accepted with some recommendations and sugestions.

Chose P. W. Chamberlin
Wm D. Reed
Jonathan Pane
} Cemetery Committee.

Surveyors of Highways Chose Constantine Hill
Chose P. C. Balcomb in place of Willard Bradway declined.
" Elijah Brown in place of John S. Davis' declined.

3 Voted to raise one thousand Dollars for the support of Schools to be divided in the same manner as last year.

4th Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges.

5th Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to be expended in payment of debt and expenses incurred in building Town Hall.

6th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any Town debt that may be called for. Also voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money to meet expenses of the Town in anticipation of the payment of taxes.

7th Voted that the Town take measures for the Ringing of a bell, and it be left with the Selectmen to contract at their discretion. for that service. Voted to lay the last part of the 7th Article on the Table.

April Meeting Continued

5th Voted to make an exchange of the land with Charles M. Butterfield in accordance with the proposition presented by the Treasurer and Building Committee.
Also voted to authorise the Treasurer to make and receive Deeds and divide the fence with C.M. Butterfield.
On the report of Article from March meeting voted to choose a Committee of three persons to examine the wall and report the next Town meeting. Chose Isaac P. Bacon, Reuben Bacon Jr., Silas Wilkins } Committee

9th The Committee chosen on the 3 day of February to report regulations for the use and care of the Town House. submitted the following report which was accepted.

The genral care of the building shall be entrusted to the Selectmen, who shall appoint during their pleasure a suitable and responsible man as Superintendant, whose duty it shall be to attend personally to warming and lighting the various rooms of the building whenever they are to be occupied, and keeping the same with the furniture therein at all times neat and clean; he shall be present at all meetings and parties when the Hall is occupied, to see that good order and decorum is preserved; and he shall report to the Selectmen all injuries done to the house or to the furniture fences and appurtenances thereof, as soon as the same shall come to his knowledge, and they are authorised and enjoined to take such measures against the offenders whenever discovered as shall appear to them advisable. For his services the Superintendant shall receive such ——

compensation as the Selectmen may determine

The Superintendant shall let the Hall at the following rates which shall be paid by the applicants at the time of their application Viz;

For all meetings the public are free to attend without charge and for all lectures the primary object of which is the diffusion of useful knowledge among men, including Lyceums, Scientific Lectures, Singing Schools and writing Schools;

For an evening when lighted and warmed		$1.50
" " " " "	not "	$1.25
" a Day "	"	$2.00
" " "	not "	$1.25
" Half " "	"	$1.00
" " " "	not "	.75

For all occasions the primary object of which is amusement including Dancing and Tea parties. For Exhibition of ventriloquism &c. For a Day or an Evening $6.00. And on no such occasion shall the Hall be occupied after 2 Oclock A.M.

The Superintendant has authority to place applications not particularly specified above in either class according to his discretion. The Superintendant shall not let the Hall to the same person or persons or for the same purposes two days or two evenings consecutively if application is made for the same for any other object; and he shall in no case let the same at any time when it may be wanted by the Town for municipal purposes.

In all cases of application for the use of the Hall on the same day or evening the first applicant shall be entitled to preference. No Camphine shall be used in the building and no lamps shall be filled or trimmed except by day light.

April Meeting Continued

The Superintendant shall keep an account of all money recived by him and of all charges for the care of the Hall and shall pay over the balance to the Town Treasurer. He shall also exhibit to the Selectmen at any time when called upon, said account and the Selectmen shall make an annual report of the same to the Town.

On the Resolution presented by Reuben Bacon Jr. at the last town meeting, the Committee report that it is inexpedient to take further action respecting the same.

11th Voted to accept the Resolution offered by P.W. Chamberlin which was as follows.

Resolved That all meetings of the Selectmen and Overseers so far as may be convenient they are requested to hold them in the South West Anteroom of the Town Hall. And that Committees of the Town hold their meetings in the South West anteroom of the Hall when it will suit their

11th Voted to accept the Resolution offered by John W. Simonds which is as follows.

Resolved. That in future the Selectmen shall direct the Constable to post a copy of the warrant of all town meetings near the door of the Town Hall on the outside in addition to that posted in each of the Churches.

Resolved, That for the purpose the Selectmen are hereby directed to provide a suitable case for the protection of such notices.

12th Voted to authorise the Selectmen to grade the road in front of the Town Hall.

13th voted to chose a Committee of three to sell the Estate purchased of Lucius Stiles & also a Piece exchanged with C. M. Suttinfield at their discretion. Chose. P. W. Chamberlin. Albert Bacon & Thomas Stiles. Committee. Also voted to authorise the Treasurer to give a title of the Estate in case a sale is made and appropriate the proceeds to the payment of the Town debt

14th voted to indefinitely postpone the 14th Article.

15th voted to refer the subject of the 15 Article to the next Town meeting.

16th voted that a sum not exceeding twenty five Dollars be appropriated under the direction of Charles A. Gray for the repair of the House.

17th voted to divide the fence with Nathan C. Cutler the Town to have the Westerly half and Mr Cutler to have the Easterly half and support the same and pay the Town the sum of fifteen Dollars. The Clerk is authorised to make the division with Mr Cutler and record the same.

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

On the reference 8th Article from March meeting the Town chose a committee of three Persons to examine the Wall & Mrs C. M. Tibbets on the road leading to Concord, and report to the Town at their next meeting. Chose. Isaac P. Bacon Reuben Bacon 4th & Silas Wilkins. Committee

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting May 1st 1857

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Friday the first day of May next at six O'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the three proposed Amendments to the Constitution

1st Qualification of voters

2 Districting the State for Representatives to General Court.

3 Districting the State for Senators to General Court.

All to be brought in on one ballot with the word yes or no to each Amendment.

Also to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the fifteenth article reported from April meeting in relation to building a School House for the South District

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses and on the outside of the Town Hall in Bedford nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Select men at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Wm A Stearns } of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford May 1st 1857

Pursuant to the within Warrant (Served this) I have posted up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses and at the Town Hall in Bedford nine days before the time for holding this meeting

Wm A Lane } Constable of
Bedford

A true Copy, attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained in the warrant in the following manner.

On Article 1st	fifty nine	voted Yes	59
" " "	two	voted No	10
" " 2d	fifty eight	voted Yes	58
" " "	ten	voted No	10
" " 3d	fifty eight	voted Yes	58
" " "	ten	voted No	10

Bill Town Meeting May 1st 1837

Town affairs.

1st Chose John H. Simonds moderator.

2 Voted to build a School house in the South School District similar to the House recently built in the Sixth District voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to carry the above vote into effect.

Chose Amos Hartwell
Elijah Merriam
Thomas Stiles
} Building Committee

Voted to authorise the above Committee to purchase a suitable lot of land upon which to erect the above named School house not less than forty nor more than sixty square rods. Also voted to authorise the building Committee to furnish the house with suitable furniture. And enclose the lot with a suitable fence.

Also voted to authorise the Committee to complete the building as soon as the first day of November 1837.

Voted to authorise and empower the Town Treasurer to borrow money on the credit of the Town to defray the Expense of the above named House and furnishing the same

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov 3d 1857

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday the 3 day of November next at 9 o'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth. A Councillor for District No six A Senator, Treasurer, Secretary General Attorney General and Auditor of Accounts for this Commonwealth and one Senator for District No five all on one ballot

Also a County Commissioner, and one Representative to represent District No eighteen in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, each on separate ballots.

Also to act on the following Articles of Town affairs,

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen where to locate a Safe purchased for the preservation of the Town records.

3 By request of Amos B. Cutler to see if the Town will pay him for drawing plans for the Town Hall and School rooms by a vote of the Center School District.

4th To see if the Town will pay Moses T. Stevens for labor done on the Highway.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

5th To see if the Town will sell the old School house in the South District or do any thing respecting the same.

6th To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford Also on the outside of the Town Hall near the front door in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty second day of October in the year one Thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

John P. Reed
Wm. B. Means
Wm. R. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford Nov 3 1857

Agreeably to the within I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public Meeting houses and the Town Hall nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Wm. A. Jane } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy. Attest

Thomas Miles Town Clerk

All of the Articles in the within Warrant except the 5th Article were acted upon at the Meeting and the Doings thereon recorded in the Records of the Town. The 5th Article was not acted upon at the Meeting for the reason that no one appeared to make any thing respecting it.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant and notice the qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted of the several Articles contained in the warrant in the following manner.

Whole number of votes brought in for Governor was one hundred and forty seven and were for the following Persons.

For	Henry J. Gardner of Boston	fifty seven votes	57
"	Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham	Sixty two "	62
"	Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield	twenty eight "	28

Whole number of ballots given in for Lieutenant Governor was one hundred and forty six and were for the following persons.

For	Alexander DeWitt of Oxford	fifty six votes	56
"	Elphalet Trask of Springfield	Sixty one "	61
"	Albert Currier of Newburyport	twenty nine "	29

For Secretary of State whole number of ballots given in was one hundred and forty six

For	Benjamin F. Allen of Boston	fifty six votes	56
"	Oliver Warner of Northampton	Sixty one "	61
"	Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge	twenty nine "	29

Whole number of ballots given in for Attorney General was one hundred and forty six

For	John H. Clifford of New Bedford	fifty six votes	56
"	Stephen H. Phillips of Salem	Sixty one "	61
"	Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham	twenty nine "	29

Whole number of ballots given in for Treasurer and receiver General was one hundred and forty six.

For Timothy Ingraham of Boston fifty six votes 56
" Moses Kimball Jr of Georgetown Sixty one " 61
" Charles Thompson of Charlestown twenty nine " 29

The whole number of ballots given in for Auditor was one hundred and forty six

For Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury fifty six votes 56
" Charles White of Worcester sixty one " 61
" Seymour D. Meade of Southbridge twenty nine " 29

The whole number of ballots given in for Councillor District No 3 was one hundred and forty nine

For Josiah G. Peabody of Lowell fifty six votes 56
" William J. Eames of Malden Sixty one " 61
" Gresham P. Hall of Malden twenty eight " 28

The whole number of ballots given in for Senator District No 5 was one hundred and forty one

For Horace Conn of Woburn fifty six votes 56
" James. H. Ushur of Medford fifty seven " 57
" Joshua P. Connus of Woburn twenty eight " 28

The whole number of ballots given in for County Commissioner was one hundred and thirty seven

For William Hastings of Framingham fifty votes 50
" Leonard Kimball of Roxbury fifty nine " 59
" Joshua P. Connus of Woburn twenty eight " 28

The whole number of ballots given in for Representative District No 5 was one hundred and forty one

November Meeting Continued

Nov	Charles H. Tucker of Lexington	fifty one	Vols 51
"	Charles Hudson of Sterling	fifty nine	" 59
"	Lewis P. Gleason of Dedham	thirty one	" 31
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Town Affairs

1st Chose Samuel Sager Moderator

2d Voted to instruct the Selectmen to locate the Safe at the Office of the Town Clerk.

3d Voted to choose a Committee of three to investigate the subject and report at this meeting. Chose John H. Simonds, Elijah H. Stearns, & Lewis P. Gleason. The above named Committee reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and recommend that the Town pay Amos B. Cutler the sum of five dollars in full compensation for drawing plans which report was accepted by the Town.

4th Voted to refer the subject to a Committee of three Chose Charles Spalding, John R. Reed & Albert Bacon.

5th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to advertise and sell the old School house at auction Also voted to sell the house for cash and to be removed in thirty days from day of sale or be forfeited to the Town.

6th Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen which are as follows

William H. Ashby, Simon Cole, Hiram Clark
Edward Flint, Eldridge James
Oliver J. Dana, Edward Merrill

November 3 Meeting Continued

Obadiah P. Johnson Thomas S. Hosmer
Daniel Reed Charles Robinson
Samuel Page Jr. George Simonds
Marcus S. Webber. Wayne P. Watts &
Levi W. Webber.

7th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Hearse & report at this meeting
Chose Isaac P. Bacon. Jonas Hosmer & Geo. Simonds
The Committee examined the Hearse and report that it can be trimmed with the same cloth and fringe by having the same colour for the sum of twelve dollars fifteen Dollars.
Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

A true Record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for
Town Meeting January 25th 1858

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the 25th Inst at 7 O'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Charles C. Coney and nine others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote of a former meeting whereby they voted to charge Six Dollars for the use of the Town Hall.

You daming or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting an attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town & one on the outside of the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at the time and place as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this sixteenth day of January eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Wm. A. Evans } of
Bedford

I have fulfilled the above request by posting attested copies of the warrant according to the above direction.

Wm. A. Lane } Constable
of Bedford,

A true copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the articles contained in the warrant in the following manner

1st Chose Samuel Sage Jr. Moderator.

2 Voted in the negative.

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1858

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Bedford in the County of Middlesex. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the first day of March next at ½ past twelve O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

Article 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

" 2 To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

" 3 To see what what method the town will take to repair the roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

" 4th To raise money for the repair of the roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

" 5th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common grounds and Highways the year ensuing.

" 6th To see if the Town will authorise the prudential Committees of the several Districts to contract with their Teachers

" 7th By request of Isaac P. Bacon to see if the Town will will dispense with choosing highway Surveyors in the several Districts of the Town the coming year, and instead thereof choose one Superintendant whose duty it shall be to repair

The several Roads and Bridges in the Town of Bedford.

8th. By request of George Simmonds to see if the Town will erect a Fence in front of the Town Hall.

9th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take any measures to prevent the distruction of Shade or ornamental Trees, or do any thing in putting it.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meetinghouses and at the Town Hall in said town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding this meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

John P. Reed
Wm. A. Stearns
Wm. H. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

I have put in the above request by posting copies of the warrant at each of the before mentioned places.

Wm. A. Farr
Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Miles Town Clerk

310 Town Meeting March 1st 1858

1st Chose John M. Simonds Moderator

" Chose Thomas Miles Town Clerk Sworn

Selectmen Chose Wm A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
Samuel Sage Jr } Sworn

Assessors Chose Isaac P. Bacon
Elmer J. Lane
John P. Reed } Sworn

Overseers of Poor Eldridge Merriam
Hosea Hood
Nathaniel C. Cutler

Treasurer Chose P. W. Chamberlain Sworn

Constables Chose William A. Lane
Thomas C. Cutler } Sworn

Collector of taxes voted to let the collection of taxes at auction. That service was struck off to Thomas C. Cutler (he being the lowest bidder) for the sum of twenty nine dollars. To be collected in two installments in the same manner as last year.

Chose Thomas C. Cutler Collector Sworn

Auditors Chose Jonas Monroe
Albert Bacon

Pound Keeper Chose Benjamin G. Harmon Sworn

Funeral Undertaker Charles O. Gragg

Fence Viewers Thomas C. Cutler
Isaac P. Bacon
Wm. A. Lane
} Sworn

Fire Wards Charles M. Butterfield Chief Engineer Sworn
Isaac P. Bacon
P. W. Chamberlin
John D. Billings
Elam P. Davis
Samuel Sage Jr.
} Sworn

Surveyors of Shingles O. J. Lane
Isaac P. Bacon
} Sworn

Surveyors of Wood & Bark
Thomas C. Cutler
Albert Bacon Thomas Stiles
Elijah M. Sears Amos S. Cutler
Jonas Monroe
} Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber Wm. M. Ashby
Wm. D. Reed
Thos. C. Cutler
} Sworn

Field Drivers William Everett
Isaac Cushing
Joel Mansfield
William A. Lane
Gaton C. Wood
Joseph Lawrence
Cyrus Page
} Sworn

John P. Reed was Chosen a Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the Death of Reuben Bacon Esqr to loan the surplus revenue.

Voted to refer the Matters of School & Cemetery Committee to April Meeting.

3 March Meeting Continued

5th Voted to assess a tax for the repair of the Roads and Bridges on the Polls and Estates of residents and non-residents and Called the same as other town taxes.

6th Voted to raise four hundred Dollars to be expended by the Surveyor of highways

5th Voted in the affirmative.

6th Voted in the negative.

7th Voted to proceede to choose by ballot one Surveyor of Highways, to repair our several roads and Bridges in the Town of Bedford. the ensuing year, and that he be authorised to employ any number of Persons he may deem expedient, for the purpose of repairing or keeping the roads open in Winter, and that he meet the expense of the same by drawing it from the Town Treasury by order of the Selectmen.
Also that he be requested to make the repairs as early in the Spring as possible.

Chose John P Reed Surveyor of highways. Sworn

8th Voted to refer to April meeting

9th Voted that the Selectmen be requested to use all legal means for the prevention & the distruction of Shade and ornamental Trees on the Streets and public Grounds within the Town.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their annual report on the expenses of the Town which was accepted.

The Selectmen submitted their report on Gunn Posts & Gunn Boards which was accepted

P. W. Chamberlin Treasurer Submitted his annual report which was accepted.

The Committee to whom was committed the charge of building a Town Hall and two School rooms Submitted their final report on the expense of building the same with the cost of the Land which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

Expense of land for Site of Building & School yards		$ 492.00
"	of Mason Work	911.34
"	" Carpenter Work	1837.90
"	" Painting	331.68
"	" Grading lot and Stonework	488.79
"	" Privy and Screens	138.12
"	" Furnishing the Hall and School Rooms	994.68
"	" Fencing School yards	180.42
"	" Plans Specifications Contracts & Printing	18.49
"	" Building Committee	50.24
		$ 5523.71
Income from old Town house over and above the materials used in erecting the new Building		69.12
		$ 5451.59

All which is respectfully submitted

Nathan C. Cutler
William Parker
Isaac P. Bacon
Thomas Miles
William M. Ashby
} Building Committee

3 March Meeting Continued

The Committee chosen at a former meeting to examine wall belonging to Mrs C. R. Pitch on the Road (near the House of Silas Hilliard) thereon done by the Surveyors of highways submitted their report, after discussing the subject it was ordered to be laid on on the Table

The following order was passed requesting the Selectmen to pay Mrs C. R. Pitch for the Grand Jurors from her land & rest her wall against the encroachment, at her election.

The Committee chosen to divide the fence on the line between land of Nathan[l] C. Cutler and the School house lot, reported that he had not been able to collect the amount of fifteen dollars which said Cutler agreed to pay for the erection of one half of said fence Agreeably with a vote passed at a meeting held on the Sixth day of April 1857. Voted to recommit the subject back to the same committee with instructions to make a division of the fence above specified

A true Record
attest / Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant to Town Meeting. Dated [illegible] 1855

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Sudbury Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby directed to notify & warn the
Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town
affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on
Monday the 5th day of Nov. next at 11 O'Clock A.M.
to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To act on the unfinished business reported
from the March meeting relating to Town Officers
and fill any vacancy.

3 To raise money for the support of Schools
the ensuing year.

4th To raise money to defray the ordinary
charges of the Town the ensuing year.

5th To see if the Town will raise money to pay
any portion of the Town Debt.

6th To act on the report article from the March meeting.
By request of George Simonds to see if the
town will erect a fence in front of the Town Hall.

7th To see if the Town will take any measures
in the matter of a Pound.

8th By request of Cyrus Stearns to see if the Town
will refund to him the amount of Highway
Tax assessed on him in 1855.

Town Warrant Continued

9th By request of Amos L. Sutton and others to see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Committee for the several School Districts to contract with their School Teachers

10th By request of Reuben Boone and nine others to see if the Town will choose four additional Surveyors of Highways and reconsider so much of the vote passed at last March meeting as is inconsistent with the foregoing application to do any thing respecting the Same.

11th By request of Wm Chamberlin to see if the Town will raise the cleansing and Ceiling the Basement of the basement of the Town Hall

12th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray current expenses or pay any portion of the town debt that may be called for.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the public meeting Houses and on the outside of the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight —

William A Adams
Wm M Ashby
Jno L Sage Jr
} Selectmen of Bedford

I have served the above warrant according to the directions thereto required
Bedford April 5th 1833

Wm A. Sage Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Miles Town Clk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I did notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford that a meeting would be held at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned

Bedford April 5th 1833

Wm A. Sage Constable of Bedford

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator.

2 Chose Wm W. Chamberlin
Charles Hastings
Wm Q. Rice
Selectmen &c

3d Voted That the School Committee consist of three Persons
Chose Samuel Sage for one year.
Aaron B. White for two years.
George Simonds for three years

4th Voted to raise the sum of one Thousand Dollars for the support of Schools $1000.00

5th Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to pay ordinary charges $1500.00

6th Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars to pay Town debt. $1500.00

7th Voted [illegible] to build the West end of the Town House with Brick and underpin the East end of the Town House with Brick and repair the Town Houses &c.

April Meeting Continued

7th Voted that the subject of Ringing the Bell be left with the Selectmen to conduct for that Season at their discretion.

8th Voted to dismiss Article 8th from the Warrant.

9th Voted to dismiss Article 9th from the Warrant.

10th Voted in the negative. Also passed the following Resolution. Whereas a certain amount of Taxes Raised for the repair of the roads for the year 1857, is left unexpended. Therefore Resolved, That the Town direct the Surveyors of said Year (under the direction of the Surveyor for the present Year) to cause to be expended the present month all Taxes so remaining in their hands.

11th Voted to direct the Selectmen at their discretion to cause the Brick work to the basement Story of the Town House to be cleaned and Oiled with a good coat of Boiled Linseed Oil.

12th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any town debt that may be called for before the taxes are called for

The Cemetery Committee submitted their Report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Selectmen submitted their annual Report on the Paupers in town which was accepted and ordered to be filed in the Clerks Office

The Committee to whom was referred the Claim of Moses K Brown submitted their Report which was agreed to and the Committee discharged.

The School Committee for the year 1854/55 Read their annual Report to the Town which is placed on file in the Clerks Office.

A true record Attest Thomas Wilson Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2 1855

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and to bring them to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 2 day of November next at 9 o'clock A.M. at which time the Polls will be opened to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, and Auditor & Accounts for a Councillor for District No 3, a Senator for District No 3 a Representative in Congress for District No 8 County Commissioner County Treasurer and Register of Probate & Insolvency for the County of Middlesex and register of Deeds for the Southern Middlesex District all on one Ballot; for a Representative to the General Court for District No 18 on a separate Ballot; also to act on the following articles of Town Business viz:

No 26

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 2/58

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To vote or accept of a list of Jurors as presented to the Town by the Selectmen.

3 By request of Isaac P. Bacon to see if the Town will dispense with Spirit meeting.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in the Town and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year one Thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Wm. L. Sloane
Wm. M. Ashby
Hosea Jacobs
} Selectmen of Salem

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at said time and place as therein required and for the purposes therein named by posting upon attested copies of said Warrant at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town Hall nine days before the time

[illegible] Constable [illegible]

A true Copy Attest Thomas Hill Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, Nov 2 1858

[illegible] the [illegible] and
[illegible] the Lieutenant Governor Town
met and acted on the matters contained in
the warrant in the following manner.

[illegible]

Governor was one hundred and fifty nine
and was for the following Persons viz

[illegible] for the said [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 92
Erasmus C. Beach of Springfield forty eight " 48
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 19
159

Whole number of ballots given in for Lieutenant
Governor was one hundred and fifty eight and
was for the following Persons.

For Elisha R. Potter of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 92
" Charles Thompson of Charlestown forty eight " 48
" Thomas Tunnicliff of Great Barrington sixteen " 16
156

[illegible]
was one hundred and sixty seven.

For Oliver Warner of Northampton one hundred and three votes 103
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 48
" Benjamin F. Allen of Boston sixteen " 16
167

Whole number of ballots given in for Treasurer and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

For Moses Tunnicliff of Georgetown ninety three votes 93
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 48
" Marcus D. Underwood of Milford sixteen " 16
157

[illegible]
was one hundred and fifty seven.

November 1 Meeting Continued

For Charles Hyde of Newton ninety three votes 93
" Seymour L. Wood of Southfield sixty eight " 48
" Chandler H. Ransom of Woburn sixteen " 16
157

Whole number of ballots given in for Attorney General was one hundred and fifty seven.

For Stephen H. Phillips of Salem ninety three votes 93
" Ezra Wilkinson of Chatham forty eight " 48
" Andrew H. Richmond of Adams sixteen " 16
157

Whole number of ballots for Representative to Congress for District No 3 was one hundred and fifty-six.

For Charles K. Train of Framingham ninety two votes 92
" Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell sixty four " 64
156

Whole number of votes given in for Councillor for District No 3 was one hundred fifty-five.

For William J. Eames of Malden ninety two votes 92
" Gustavus L. Hall of Malden sixty three " 63
155

Whole number of votes given in for Senators in 7th District was one hundred fifty-five.

For Horace Conn of Woburn one hundred seven votes 107
" Abijah Thompson of Woburn forty eight " 48
155

Whole number of votes given in for County Commissioner was one hundred fifty two.

For Paul H. Swain of South Reading ninety one votes 91
" William Hasting of Framingham thirteen " 13
152

November Meeting Continued

Whole number of Ballots given in for County Treasurer was one hundred fifty three

For Amos Stone of Charlestown one hundred five votes 105
" Seper Stone of Cambridge forty eight " 48
153

Whole number of Ballots given in for Register of Probate and Insolvency was one hundred fifty three

For Joseph H. Dyer of Cambridge ninety two votes 92
" A. A. Prescott of Reading sixty one " 61
153

Whole number of Ballots given in for Register of Probate for Middlesex South District was one hundred fifty three

For Caleb Hayden of Cambridge one hundred five votes 105
" Frederick A. Stone of Waltham forty eight " 48
153

Whole number of Ballots given in for a Representative to represent 18th District No 18 in the next General Court was one hundred fifty eight

For A. H. Cunningham of Lexington seventy nine votes 79
" Jesse Wilder of Lexington forty two " 42
" Thomas Miles of Bedford thirty six " 36
" James Campbell of Burlington one " 1
155

Town Affairs

Article 1st Chose Caleb Stone Moderator

" Ten Selectmen presented a list of names which were accepted by the Town consisting

John C. Billings John F. Boynton
Elijah Brown John A. Cloyes
Asher P. Stone William G. Hosford

November Meeting Continued

Edmund B. Johnson Ebenezer Jones
Oliver J. Tarbell Charles W. Dutton
Jonas Monroe Charles Robinson
Daniel Reed Samuel Sage Jr.
Daniel Weiss Isaac P. Watts.

3rd On motion it was voted that hereafter we dispense with our annual [illegible] and that the [illegible] shall be brought into the warrant for March meeting.

On motion voted to adjourn.

A true Record
Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1859

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Sudbury Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March the 7th at 9 oclock A.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To choose all necessary Town Offices for the year ensuing.

3 March 3 Meeting Warrant Continued

5th To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

11th To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th To raise money to pay any portion of the Town debt.

6th To see what method the Town will to repair the roads and Bridges.

7th To raise money for the repair of roads and Bridges.

8th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees of the several Districts to contract with their Teachers.

9th To see if the Town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell.

10th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common grounds and highways the year ensuing.

11th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes to defray current expenses or pay any of the Town debt that may be called for.

12th To request of the Camden Committee to see if the Town will make an appropriation for the purpose of procuring new posts and making repairs at the entrance of the Shawsheen Cemetery, or do any thing relating thereto.

Warrant Continued.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of February A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Wm. L. Means
Wm. M. Ashby
Sam. Sage Jr.
} Selectmen of Bedford,

I have served the within warrant according to the directions therein contained.

Wm. A. Lane Constable of Bedford

Bedford May 7th 1859.

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the several articles contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose — John W. Simonds Moderator

2d Whole number of votes for Town Clerk was 87 Thomas Stiles had Eighty one votes Chose Town William L. Means had Thirty six "

Town Meeting, March 7th 1859

Selectmen Whole number of ballots for 1st Selectman was eighty four

Wm A Sloans had eighty votes Chosen & Sworn
Thomas Miles had three
C. J. Sane " one

for second Selectman Whole number of ballots eighty
Wm A. Ashby had seventy three votes Chosen & Sworn
Oliver J. Sane had seven "

for third Selectman Whole number of ballots one hundred and one.
Oliver J. Sane had eighty votes Chosen & Sworn
Samuel Sage 2d had twenty "
H. A Gleason " one "

Assessors Whole number of ballots for first Assessor was eighty two.

Isaac P. Bacon had 79 votes Chosen & Sworn

Whole number of ballots for second Assessor was sixty six
Oliver J. Sane had sixty nine votes Chosen & Sworn

Whole number of ballots for third Assessor was sixty nine
John M. Simonds had sixty six votes Chosen & Sworn

Overseers of Poor Chose Eldridge Mariano
by ballot Henry Wood
Isaac P. Bacon

School Committee chose Rev Henry J. Patrick by ballot for the term of three years.

Treasurer Chose P. H. Chamberlin by ballot Sworn.

Constables chose Thomas C. Cutler
by ballot John M. Simonds } Sworn

Collector of Taxes Chose by ballot Thomas C. Cutler Collector. on motion voted to pay the sum of thirty five Dollars to Thos C. Cutler for collecting the taxes. Voted to collect the taxes in the same manner as they were for 1857

March Meeting Continued

Pound Keeper chose Calvin C Wood Sworn
chose William A. Putnam Assistant

Annual Undertaker chose Charles Spalding by ballot

Fence Viewers chose. Albert Bacon
Thomas Miles
Thaddeus H Davis } Sworn

Fire Wards Charles H. Sutherland Chief Engineer
Isaac P. Bacon — John Craig Sabin P. Page Sworn
Elazar P. Davis Joseph Hartwell 2d

Surveyor of Shingle chose. Nathan C. Cutler Sworn

Surveyors of wood & Bark. Albert Bacon
Thomas Miles. Thos B. Hosmer.
Amos B. Cutler Wm H. Ashby } Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber Wm D. Reed
Wm H. Ashby
Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

Fire Wards Jonas E. Monroe
Oliver J. Fay John P. Gleason
Charles E. Hosmer Charles H. Webber
Elazar P. Davis Wm Emmett Sabin P. Page } Sworn

Cemetery Committee P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
Wm D. Reed }

Surveyor of Highways chose Isaac P. Bacon
by ballot surveyor of highways.

Auditors Chose. Albert Bacon
Elazer P Davis } Auditors

3. Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to defray ordinary Charges $1500.00

4th. Voted to raise the sum of one thousand Dollars for Support of Schools $1000.00

5th. Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to pay Town debt $1500.00

6th. Voted that the roads & Bridges be repaired in the same manner as the year 1858. by raising a sum of money upon the Polls & Estates within the Town to be expended by one Surveyor of highways and he be authorised to employ any number of Persons he may deem expedient for the purpose of repairing the same, and keeping open the roads in Winter, and that he meet the expense of the same by drawing it from the Town Treasury by order of the Selectmen. Also that he be requested to make the repairs as early in the Spring as possible.

7th. Voted to raise the sum of four hundred Dollars for the repair of the roads & bridges $400.00

8th. Voted in the negative.

9th. Voted to refer the subject of ringing a Bell to the Selectmen.

10th. Voted to restrain Neat Cattle & Horses from going at large on the Common lands & Highways.

11th. Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any portion of the Town debt that may be called for.

3 March 3 Meeting Continued

15th On motion voted to appropriate the sum of eighty Dollars to purchase new Stone Posts and make repairs at the entrance of Shawsheen Cemetery.

John P. Kent resigned his office as a member of the Committee to loan the Surplus Revenue, and on motion Albert Bacon was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Samuel Sage it voted that it is expedient that the Surveyor of highways be requested to remove the Snow from the Sidewalks in the Centre District.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report of the finances which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Selectmen & Overseers submitted their report of the Expenses of the Town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The Cemetery Committee submitted their annual report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts & Guide Boards which was accepted Also on the Liquor Agency which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

A True Record

Attest / Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 9th 1859

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Billerica Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the ninth day of May next at one o'clock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the following proposed article of Amendment to the Constitution

Article of Amendment.

No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote, or shall be eligible to office unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization, and shall be otherwise qualified according to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth provided that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof; and provided further that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom. The form of the ballot to be as follows Amendment to the Constitution

Yes or No

Also to act on the following Articles of Town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Samuel Sage Jr and others, to see if the town will take measures to sell their real Estate on the main Street purchased for a School house

over

Warrant Continued

Act by Ballot or otherwise to do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the Town Hall in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Wm. A. Stearns, Wm M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford May 9th 1859

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the Town Hall in Bedford nine days before the time of meeting as within directed.

John W. Simonds } Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several Articles contained in this warrant in the following manner

One the Amendment to the Constitution Twenty six voted yes and Six voted No.

Town Affairs

1st Chose Samuel Sage jr. Moderator

2 Voted to sell the Town land purchased of Silas Stiles bounded Easterly by land of Daniel Fitch & Westerly by land of Abel B. Adams & others. Northerly on main Street at Auction two weeks from this day at one Oclock P.M. and that George Simonds be authorized to act as auctioneer.

A true record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 8th 1859

Middlesex Ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at 1 Oclock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor Councillor for District, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, a Senator for District, District Attorney, Sheriff of the County of Middlesex and Commissioner of Insolvency, Also a County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners and a Clerk of the Courts for Middlesex County all on one ballot.

3311 Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

A Representative to General Court for District. to eighteen on a separate ballot

Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of P. H. Chamberlin. To see if the Town will pay Lydia Wheeler six dollars and sixty six cents with interest annually since July 1853. it being her part of Cornelius Wheelers portion of the Winship estate rec'd by them at that time

3 To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the Town Hall in said Town nine days at least before the time of Holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Bedford October 27th 1859

N. A. Stearns
Wm M Ashby
Oliver J. Dane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

Bedford Nov 8th 1859

I hereby certify that I have served

November 5 Meeting 1857

The within warrant is upon the Inhabitants of said Bedford, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town Hall in said Town nine days before the time of said meeting as within directed

John W. Simonds } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several Articles contained in the warrant in the following manner. The Polls were opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for the several Offices which were received sorted counted and recorded and public declaration made thereof as by law is directed and are for the following Persons. Viz.

For Governor

Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham Eighty four votes 84
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell forty five " 45
George S. Boutwell of Pittsfield Six " 6

For Lieutenant Governor.

Elisha Hunt Rock of Springfield ninety one votes 91
J. C. Barnes of Springfield forty five " 45
Thomas Thurber of Great Barrington four " 4

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Samuel H. Bowman of Adams forty five votes 45
Oliver Warner of Northampton ninety one " 91
Benjamin F. Allen of Boston four " 4

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Moses Kinney of Georgetown ninety one votes 91
George Bancroft of Boston forty five " 45
Charles Kimball of Ipswich four " 4

For State Auditor

Charles White of Worcester ninety one votes 91
James E. Estabrook of Worcester forty five " 45
James W. Seaver of Boston four " 4

For Attorney General

Stephen H. Phillips of Salem ninety one votes 91
Daniel H. Mason of Medford forty five " 45
Henry Morris of Springfield four " 4

For Councillor for the Third Councillor District

James M. Shute of Hamilton ninety one votes 91
Edward Lawrence of Charlestown forty five " 45
Emory Washburn of Cambridge four " 4

For Senator for fifth Middlesex District

Horace Conn of Woburn ninety one votes 91
Asa Gary of Stoneham forty five " 45
Simon N. Robinson of Lexington four " 4

For Sheriff

Charles Kimball of Winchester eighty nine votes 89
John W. Clark of Melrose forty five " 45
Ambrose Sawyer of Lowell four " 4
John S. Hayes of Concord two " 2

For District Attorney. Northern District

Isaac S. Rose of Lowell ninety one votes 91
Peter Haggerty of Lowell forty five " 45
Charles Ellis Jr of Worcester four " 4

For Clerk of the Courts

Benjamin F. Ham of Natick ninety one votes 91
Joshua P. Converse of Woburn forty four " 44
James Dana of Charlestown five " 5

For County Commissioner

Edward J. Collins of Newton ninety one votes 91
Joseph Fuller of Framingham forty five " 45
William Hastings of Framingham four " 4

For Special Commissioners

John Fletcher of Acton ninety one votes 91
B. F. Warren of Framingham ninety one " 91
Samuel B. Whitney of Waltham forty five " 45
Charles M. Wiley of Hollston forty five " 45
John C. Thurston of Cambridge four " 4
Winthrop E. Faulkner of Acton four " 4

For Representative to General Court

P. H. Chamberlin of Bedford Eighty eight votes 88
Charles Brown of Lexington fifty three " 53

December Meeting Continued

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

George O. Parker of Medford ninety one Votes 91
Joshua Ritter of Waltham ninety one " 91
Lewis H. Wakefield of Hopkinton ninety one " 91
Charles A. Lincoln of Somerville forty five " 45
S. C. Abbott of Lowell forty five " 45
James Lewis of Shirley forty five " 45
William S. Gardner of Lowell four " 4
John W. Pettengill of Charlestown four " 4
George Heywood of Concord four " 4

Town Affairs.

1st Chose John H. Simonds Moderator.

2 Voted to authorize the Treasurer to pay Lydia Wheeler the amount of her note and interest.

3 The Selectmen submitted a list of names of Persons to serve as Jurors for the current year. to wit. Joseph Skinner
Benjamin F. Davis Eleazer P. Davis.
Warren B. Webber Wm H. Shinn.
Lyman Page. Hiram Clark.
Charles W. Webber George H. Smith.
Nathan Fiske. A. P. Watts.
Wm G. Hartwell. Edward Merritt.
William H. Munger Charles F. Flint.
Oliver J. Lane.

Voted to accept the above list.

Charles Spalding submitted the following Resolution. Resolved that it is necessary to have additional light in our

Town Hall and anterooms.

Voted that the Selectmen and Charles Spalding be a Committee to procure sufficient lights for the Town Hall and Anterooms.

George Simonds submitted the following in behalf of the School Committee.
The School Committee Respectfully ask the town to give their expression in relation to the propriety of discontinuing the Saturday forenoon Session of their public Schools.

Voted that the School Committee be instructed to contract with the Teachers of the several Schools to keep five and one half days per week, and see that they keep their full hours.

A true record
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

3/11 Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1860

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 5th day of March next at nine O'clock A.M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1st Article To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 " choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

3 " raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4th " raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th " raise money to pay any portion of the Town debt.

6th " See what method the town will take to repair the roads & Bridges.

7th " raise money for the repair of roads & Bridges.

8th " See if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell.

9th " See if the Town will restrain neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the Common grounds and Highways the year ensuing.

10th " See if the town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray current expenses or pay any of the Town debt—That may be called for.

11th By request of John W. Simonds to see whether the Town will adopt a new method for the Collection of Taxes or do any thing respecting the same.

12th By request of George Simonds to see if the Town will raise the same rate of tariff for the use of the Town Hall or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Bedford Feb 25th 1860.

W. A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford Feb 27th 1860.

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy at each of the public Meeting houses and at the Town hall in Bedford nine days before the time specified for holding said meeting.

John W. Simonds Constable of Bedford.

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the several articles contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator.

Town Meeting. March 5th 1861.

2 Whole number of Votes for Town Clerk was fifty five. Thomas Stiles had 53 Chosen & Sworn.

Selectmen Chose By Ballot. William A Stearns, William M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Sworn

On motion voted to choose three Assessors.

Chose By Ballot. Isaac P. Bacon, Oliver J. Lane, Thaddeus H Davis }

Overseers of the Poor Chose. Eldridge Merriam, Henry Wood, Isaac P Bacon } By Ballot

Treasurer P. W. Chamberlin was Chosen & Sworn

School Committee Chose. Marcus B. Webber for three years

Constables Chose By Ballot. William A. Lane, Joseph Hosmer, Joseph. Phelps } Sworn.

John W. Simonds resigned his seat as moderator and Joseph Hosmer was Chosen moderator pro tem. pore by ballot.

Collector of Taxes Chose Thomas C Cutler } Sworn

Pound Keeper Chose Joseph H. Goodwin } Sworn

Funeral Undertaker Chose Charles Spalding

Fence Viewers Chose. Thomas C. Cutler, Wm A Lane, Isaac P. Bacon } Sworn

Fire Wards Chose { Charles M. Butterfield, Isaac P. Bacon, William D. Reed } Sworn

Surveyor of Shingles Chose Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

Surveyors of Wood & Bark Chose { Thomas Stiles, Thomas S. Hosmer, Jonas Monroe } Sworn

Surveyor of Lumber Chose { Wm. M. Ashby, Samuel Sage Jr, Wm. D. Reed } Sworn

Field Drivers Chose { Job B. Lane, Sam. S. Lane, Merton Simonds, Charles Webber, Cyrus Page, William G. Hartwell } Sworn

Cemetery Committee { P. W. Chamberlin, George Simonds, Charles Spalding }

Surveyors of Highways voted to choose five Surveyors of highways one in Each School District by ballot. Also voted that the Selectmen determine the Highway limits.

Chose Samuel Sage Jr Center
Josiah B. Gleason East
Elam P. Davis West
George Wright North
William G. Hartwell South

Auditors Chose Albert Bacon
Charles C. Corey

3 March Meeting Continued

3d Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges. $1500.00

4th Voted to raise the sum of one thousand Dollars for the support of Schools $1000.00

5th Voted to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars to pay town debt $500.00

6th Voted to repair the roads and bridges by assessing a tax on the Polls & Estates to be expended in labor and material under the direction of the Surveyors of highways. Also voted to allow for labor the following prices per man fifteen cents per hour. for team fifteen cents per hour to all the team labor done and all that prefer to pay money when called upon to work, shall have a discount of twelve and one half per cent.

7th Voted to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars for the repair of the roads and bridges

8th Voted to refer the 8th article to the Selectmen

9th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle & Horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways.

10th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current Expenses or any portion of town debt that may be called for.

11th John W. Simonds submitted the following order which was adopted. Bedford May 5th 1860

Ordered: That all taxes assessed upon the Inhabitants the year ensuing for town County and State purposes if paid in to the Collector on or before the first monday of September next shall be entitled

to a deduction of three pr centum on the amount so paid.
And fifty per. centum on the amount remaining due on the first Monday in October succeeding shall then be paid in & the remainder to be paid the first Monday in February next succeeding.
And that the compensation to be paid to the Collector for collecting all taxes assessed for Town County and State purposes shall be at the rate of one hundredth on the whole amount paid in and collected by him from and after the first Monday in October next ensuing.

On motion voted that the substance of the above order be printed on the tax bills.

12th Voted to adjourn to Monday evening next at six O'clock P.M.

Monday Evening March 12th Town met agreeably to adjournment.
Voted as an amendment to the original tariff rates for the use of the Town Hall, for all occasions the primary object of which is amusement. Singing Concerts including Dancing and Tea Parties, or Exhibitions of Panoramic &c shall be as follows for an evening when lighted and warmed for the first three hours one dollar and fifty cents and thirty cents pr hour during the remainder of the time when occupied.
And the superintendant shall have 12½ Cents pr hour for all extra services, for removing seats &c.
Voted that the superintendant be required to demand of the persons applying for the use of the Hall how long it is wanted. Also voted that the rules and regulations for the use of the Hall which provides that the Hall shall not be kept open after 2 O'clock A.M. be and are hereby rescinded.
Also voted that all rules inconsistent with the above are hereby repealed.

March Meeting Continued

The Selectmen submitted their report upon Guide Posts & Guide boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

Also upon the Pigeon Agency which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

The Cemetery Committee submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

The Treasurer submitted his report on the finances of the Town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office

Samuel Sage Jr submitted the following Resolve. That it is the sense of this Meeting that the $600 drawn by Mr Cutler for extra services is due to the Overseers of the Poor and should be paid to them. Passed in the affirmative 32 to 21.

The Overseers of the Poor submitted their report for the year ending March 1st 1860. which was accepted.

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 19th 1860.

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the nineteenth day of March inst at 1 O'Clock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened, to act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz.

Art. 1st To chuse a Moderator for said meeting.

" 2 By request of Asa Farnsworth 3d others. to see if the town will collect the surplus revenue, and appropriate the same towards liquidating the town debt — or do anything respecting the same.

" 3 By request of Samuel Sage Jr to see if the town will appropriate $100.00 from the money raised to defray ordinary Charges to the support of Schools, the year ensuing.

4th To see if the town will sell and authorise the Treasurer to convey a lot of land owned by the town, adjoining land of David Pilsbe and Jerome A. Bacon or do anything respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your

dainos thereon to the Clerk of said town of Bedford at the time & place of said meeting.

Wm A Stearns } Selectmen
Wm H Ashby } of the town
Oliver J Lane } of Bedford

Bedford March 10th 1860.

I have complied with the above requirements by posting a copy of this warant at each of the above named places.

Wm A. Lane } Constable
of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town met and acted upon the several articles contained in the warant in the following manner.

1st Chose Joseph Hosmer moderator.

2 Reuben Bacon Submitted the following order which was passed thirty eight voting in the affirmative and eighteen in the negative. Ordered that the Committee having charge of the Surplus revenue, be and hereby are directed to pass into the hands of the Treasurer of this Town, all the notes securities and papers connected therewith as soon as may be; and that said Treasurer collect the revenue aforesaid as soon as possible & apply the proceeds towards liquidating the Town debt except the sum

& ninety two 63/100 dollars which is to be raised for the support of schools the current year;
Also That the Treasurer be empowered to transfer or discharge any mortgages held for said revenue.

3d Voted to lay the 3d article on the table.

4th Voted that the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to sell at auction before the first of may next the lot of land owned by the Town adjoining land of David Tileb and Jerome A. Bacon, and apply the proceeds towards liquidating the Town debt; also that said Treasurer be authorized to convey said land to the purchaser.

The following Order was submitted by Albert Bacon which was accepted, Ordered that the Clerk procure 500 printed copies in pamphlet form, of the rules and orders, governing Town meetings, in this Town, and cause the same to be distributed to the Inhabitants thereof.

A true record
Attest Thomas Niles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 7th 1860

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford who are qualified by law to vote for State Officers, to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the seventh day of may next at nine O'clock A.M. to act on the following proposed Amendments to the Constitution;

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

First article of Amendment.

Any vacancy in the Senate shall be filled by Election by the People of the unrepresented District, upon the order of a majority of Senators elected.

Second article of Amendment.

In case of a vacancy in the Council, from a failure of election or other cause, the Senate & House of Representatives shall by concurrent vote choose some eligible Person, from the People of the district wherein such vacancy occurs to fill that Office, if such vacancy shall happen when the Legislature is not in Session, the Governor with the advice & consent of the Council may fill the same by appointment of some eligible person.

The Selectmen will receive the votes on the above Amendments on one ballot as follows. Article 1. "Yes" or "No."

Article 2. "Yes or "No"

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting houses & at the town house nine days at least before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April A.D. 1860.

W. A. Stearns, Wm M. Ashby, Elmer J. Lane } Selectmen of the town of Bedford.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies at each of the places aforesaid.

Wm A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

The foregoing is a true copy of the original

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk.

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the articles contained in the warrant in the following manner.

On the first article of amendment, the whole number of ballots given in was twelve all which were Yes

On the second article of amendment, the whole number of ballots given in was twelve all which were, yes.

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

352 Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 6th 1860

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Sudbury Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at 1 Oclock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States two from among the people at large, and one from each of the Electoral Districts within the Commonwealth. For a Representative to represent District No. eight in the Congress of the United States Also for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth a Councillor for District No. three a Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General Attorney General, Auditor of accounts, a Senator for District No. five, and County Commissioner for Middlesex County, all on one ballot. A Representative to the General Court for District No. eighteen on a separate ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

3d By request of S.P. Bacon to see if the Town will give Mrs Minerva Stearns leave to take the Furniture from the town Farm or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are required to serve this warant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

H. A. Stearns, Wm M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford October 23rd 1860.

I have served the above warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places above mentioned

Wm A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

A true copy. Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several articles contained in the Warant in the following manner.

For Electors

For	George Morey of Boston ninety eight votes		98
"	Reuben A. Chapman of Springfield ninety eight votes		98
"	Chester W. Chapin of Springfield four votes		4
"	Eben Sutton of South Danvers four	"	4
"	Isaac Davis of Worcester forty	"	40
"	Charles Hudson of Lee forty	"	40
"	Levi Lincoln of Worcester eight	"	8
"	Marshall P. Wilder of Dorchester eight	"	8

November Meeting Continued

For Electors for President & Vice President

District 1

"	Geo. Ufford Macy of Nantucket	ninety eight	Votes 98
"	" Alexander Baxter of Yarmouth	forty	" 40
"	" Joseph Grinnell of New Bedford	eight	" 8
"	" S. B. Phinney of Barnstable	four	" 4
" No 2 "	James H. Mitchell of East Bridgewater	ninety eight	" 98
" "	" Benj. G. Chase of Lancaster	forty	" 40
" "	" Benj. Hobart of Abington	eight	" 8
" "	" P. M. Leland of Fall River	four	" 4
" " 3 "	John C. Gorham of Milton	ninety eight	Votes 98
" " "	" H. A. Aldrich of Hingham	forty	" 40
" " "	" Henry S. Mansfield of Attleborough	eight	" 8
" " "	" Russell Gleason of Dorchester	four	" 4
" " 4 "	Charles B. Hall of Boston	ninety eight	Votes 98
" " "	" Wm. J. Reynolds of Roxbury	forty	" 40
" " "	" Sanford H. Hunt of Roxbury	eight	" 8
" " "	" Benjamin F. Hallett of Boston	four	" 4
" " 5 "	Peleg W. Chandler of Boston	ninety eight	Votes 98
" " "	" C. A. Chaffee of Cambridge	forty	" 40
" " "	" J. Thomas Stevenson of Boston	eight	" 8
" " "	" George W. Parmenter of Boston	four	" 4
" " 6 "	John G. Whittier of Amesbury	ninety eight	Votes 98
" " "	" George Upton of Salem	forty	" 40
" " "	" Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem	eight	" 8
" " "	" Henry Durant of Lynn	four	" 4
" 7 "	Geo. W. Cochrane of Methuen	ninety eight	Votes 98
" " "	" George W. Pike of Manchester	forty	" 40
" " "	" A. G. Wild of Lawrence	eight	" 8
" " "	" Richard Frothingham Jr. of Charlestown	four	" 4

Dis No 8 For John. Vesmith of Lowell ninety eight Votes 98
" " " Ambrose Sloper of Natick forty " 40
" " " D. S. Richardson of Lowell eight " 8
" " " Peter Haggerty of Lowell four " 4

" 9 " Amasa Walker of North Brookfield ninety eight Votes 98
" " " Levi Barber of Worcester forty " 40
" " " John G. Thurston of Swansea eight " 8
" " " John Spurr of Charlton four " 4

" 10 " Charles Field of Athol ninety eight Votes 98
" " " Stephen C. Dennis of Springfield forty " 40
" " " Osmyn Baker of Northampton eight " 8
" " " Wells Bishop of South Hadley four " 4

" 11 " Charles Mattoon of Greenfield ninety eight Votes 98
" " " Phineas Allen of Pittsfield forty " 40
" " " William G. Bates of Westfield eight " 8
" " " Reuben Noble of Westfield four " 4

For Governor.

For John A. Andrew of Boston ninety six Votes 96
" Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield forty " 40
" Amos A Lawrence of Brookline eight " 8
" Benjamin F Butler of Lowell six " 6

For Lieutenant Governor.

For John Y. Goodrich of Stockbridge ninety six Votes 96
" Charles Thompson of Charlestown forty " 40
" George Marston of Barnstable eight " 8
" Daniel N. Carpenter of Greenfield five " 5

November Meeting Continued

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

For	Oliver Warner of Northampton	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	Sam'l H. Bowerman	forty	" 40
"	Thomas Parsons of Brookline	eight	" 8
"	W. W. Comstock of Middleboro	five	" 5

For Treasurer and Receiver General

For	Henry K. Oliver of Lawrence	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	Silas Peirce of Boston	forty	" 40
"	Samuel A. Eliot of Cambridge	eight	" 8
"	George Dennett of Boston	five	" 5

For Attorney General

For	Dwight — Foster of Worcester	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield	forty	" 40
"	Henry Morris of Springfield	eight	" 8
"	G. Washington Warren of Charlestown	five	" 5

For Auditor

For	Levi Reed of Abington	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	James E. Estabrook of Worcester	forty	" 40
"	J. Henry Hill of Worcester	eight	" 8
"	Joseph M. Manson of Fitchburg	five	" 5

For Representative to Congress District No. 8

For	Charles R. Train of Framingham	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	Alpheus R. Brown of Lowell	forty	" 40
"	Winthrop E. Faulkner of Acton	eight	" 8
"	James C. Abbott of Lowell	five	" 5

For Counsillor for District No 3

For	James. M. Shute of Jamaica	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	H. P. Kay of Groton	forty eight	" 48
"	Bowen Buckman of Woburn	Five	" 5

For Senator for District No 5

For	Oliver R. Clark of Winchester	ninety one	votes 91
"	Stephen Dow of Woburn	fifty four	" 54

For County Commissioner

For	Seaman Hunting of Tewksbury	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	William H. Carter of Wilmington	forty eight	" 48
"	Jeremiah Martin of Melrose	Five	" 5

For Representative to General Court Dist 18

For	Caleb Hill Jr of Burlington	ninety seven	Votes 97
"	William P. Hill of Lexington	forty Three	" 43
"	Philip Ryder of Lexington	eight	" 8

Town Affairs

1st Chas. Olney Jr Chosen Moderator

2 The Selectmen presented a list of names to serve as Jurors which were approved by the Town, as follows. Wm. McAshby, A. P. Bacon, Hiram Clark, Ingman Cole, B. F. Davis, H. L. Dutton, Edward Flint, Charles W. Flint, H. H. Hunter, Cyrus Page, Charles Robinson, Thomas Stiles, Sam'l Sage, Elbridge W. Stearns, M. B. Webber, Henry Wood.

3 Voted to give Mr. Stearns leave to take his Furniture from the Town Farm. A true record Attest. Thomas Stiles, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1861

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 4th day of March next at nine o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4th To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th To raise money to pay any portion of the Town debt.

6th To see what method the Town will take to repair their roads and bridges.

7th To raise money to repair the roads and bridges

8th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell.

9th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common grounds and highways the ensuing

10th To see if the town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes

10th continued to defray current expenses or pay any of the Town debt that may be called for.

11th By request of Joseph Warbock's, to see if the Town will authorize the prudential committee of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers for their Schools.

12th By request of Joseph Warren to see if the Town will direct the Selectmen on the first of May next ensuing to pay so much of the town debt as they shall deem best for the interest of the Town, with the money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated or do any thing respecting the same.

13th By request of George Simonds to see if the Town will define and establish a day of holidays for their Public Schools.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

William B. Means
Wm M Ashby
Oliver J. Pane
} Selectmen of Bedford,

Bedford Feb 23 1861.

A true copy

Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

360 Town Meeting March 4th 1861

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the places herein mentioned.

William A Lane } Constable
A true copy attest } of Bedford
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeable with the foregoing warrant I did notify the voluble Inhabitants assembled and acted on the annual articles in the warrant as follows

1st Chose George Simonds moderator.

2 The whole number of votes for Town Clerk was forty one Thomas Stiles had forty Chosen and Sworn.

Selectmen Chose By Ballot — William A. Stearns, Wm H. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Sworn

Assessors Chose By Ballot. — Oliver J. Lane, Thaddeus H. Davis, William A Stearns } Sworn

Overseers of Poor Chose — Eleazer P. Davis, Joel Mansfield, Elbridge W. Stearns } By Ballot

Treasurer Chose P. W. Chamberlin } Sworn

School Committee Chose George Simonds for the term of three years. Also Chose Isaac D. Hutt for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. Henry J. Patrick.

Town Meeting 3 March 4th 1861

Constables Chose { William L. Paine, Thomas C. Cutler } Sworn

Collection of taxes That service was let by auction to Thomas C. Cutler (he being the lowest bidder) for the sum of thirty Dollars.

Chose Thomas C. Cutler Collector } Sworn

Pound Keeper Chose Joseph H. Goodwin } Sworn

Surveyor of Lumber Chose Charles Spalding

Fence Viewers Chose { William L. Paine, Wm M. Ashby, Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

Fire Wards chose { Charles H. Sutherland, Joseph Phelps, Nathan C. Cutler } Sworn

Surveyor of Shingles Chose Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

Surveyors of Wood & Bark { Thomas Miles, Thomas B. Hosmer, Oliver J. Paine, Wm M. Ashby, Jonas Monroe } Sworn

Field Drivers Chose { Merton Simonds, Cyrus Page, John Clark, Daniel Page, Galen C. Wood } Sworn

Cemetery Committee Chose P. H. Chamberlin, Charles Spalding & Joseph H. Goodwin.

Auditor Chase Marcus B. Webber

Surveyors of Highways Chase Hiram Clark.
George Wright.
Eldridge Merriam.
Josiah B. Gleason.
James O. Draper.
} Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber Chase Wm M. Ashby
Eldridge W. Hawkes
Oliver J. Lane
} Sworn

3 Voted to raise the sum of twelve Hundred dollars for ordinary Charges $1200.00

4th Voted to raise the sum of Eleven Hundred dollars for the support of Schools $1100.00

5th Voted to raise the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to pay town debt $500.00

6 Voted to raise a money tax for the repair of the roads and Bridges, and ordered that the same be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants resident & non-residents as other town charges are assessed and that the same be expended under the direction of the Surveyors of Highways.

7th. Voted to raise the sum of eight Hundred Dollars for the repair of the roads and Bridges also voted that one half of the money be expended before the first of May 1861 $800.00

8th Voted that the subject of the singing of a bell be referred to the Selectmen.

3 March. Meeting Continued

9th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the Common lands & Highways

10th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the Taxes. to pay town debt.

11th Voted to Indefinitely postpone the 11th article.

12th Voted in the negative.

13 Voted to establish four Holy Days for the public Schools. Viz. the Annual Fast Fourth of July Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Joseph Hosmer submitted the following order which was agreed to by the town. Ordered that the 11th which passed March 5th 1860 concerning the collection of taxes be and the same is hereby repealed.

Charles Spalding, submitted the following Order. which was agreed to. Ordered that there be drawn from the money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. the sum of twenty five dollars to reimburse the Shawsheene Cemetery

The Selectmen submitted their report on Guide Posts and Guide Boards which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

Also on the Liquor Agency, which report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their report on the Expenses of the town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk's Office

March Meeting Continued

Phinehas W. Chamberlin Treasurer submitted his annual report of the finances of the town, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Cemetery Committee submitted their annual Report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Committee in trust of the Surplus Revenue submitted their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town meeting July 8th 1861

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the of the Town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, Monday the eighth day of July next at 6 Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st Chose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 Act if the Town will take any measures relating to an Act passed at the Extra Session of the Legislature entitled an Act in aid of the families of Volunteers & for other purposes.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of said meeting.

William A. Stearns } Selectmen
William M. Ashby } of
Elmer J. Lane } Bedford

Bedford June 29th 1861.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the places within mentioned.

W. A. Lane Constable of Bedford

A True Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

366 Town Meeting July 8th 1861

1st Chose Charles Spalding moderator

2 Voted That the Town accept of the Act of the Legislature passed May 23 1861 in relation to existing families of volunteers.

The following order was passed

Ordered That the Selectmen draw from the Treasury monies (not otherwise appropriated) in such sums at their discretion as the law provides for the support of the families of volunteers.

A true Record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. November 5th 1861.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at 1 O'Clock P.M. (at which time the polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor & Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, a Councillor for District No. 3 a Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of accounts a Senator for District No. 9 a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Register of Deeds for the Southern District and Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County all on one ballot. Representative in the General Court for District No. Eighteen on a seperate ballot.-

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

1st Choose a moderator for said meeting.

2 See if the Town will take any measures to renew the Insurance on the Town Hall and also on Buildings on the Town Farm.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Voting houses & at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said meeting.

W. A. Stearns } Selectmen
Wm M. Ashby } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford Nov. 5th 1861.
I have the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places within named

Wm A Lane } Constable
of Bedford,

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford met and put in their votes for the several Offices named in the warrant which were sorted and counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were as follows.

One—

Town Meeting. Nov. 5th 1861.

For Governor of this Commonwealth.
" John A. Andrew of Boston fifty nine votes 59
" Isaac Davis of Worcester twenty one " 21

Lieutenant Governor

For John Reynolds of Lowell fifty nine votes 59
" Edwin C. Bailey of Boston twenty one " 21

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

For Oliver Warner of Northampton fifty nine votes 59
" H. O. Prince of Winchester twenty one " 21

Treasurer & Receiver General.

For Henry K. Oliver of Salem fifty nine votes 59
" Emery Sanford of Oxford twenty one " 21

Auditor of Accounts

For Levi Reed of Abington fifty nine votes 59
" Moses Bates of Plymouth twenty one " 21

Attorney General

For Dwight Foster of Worcester fifty nine votes 59
" Edward Avery of Braintree twenty one " 21

Councillor for 3 District

For James M. Shute of Somerville fifty nine votes 59
" J. R. V. Coburn of Lowell twenty one " 21

County Commissioner for Middlesex County

For Joseph H. Wyatt of Malden fifty nine votes 59
Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown twenty one " 21

November Meeting Continued

Senator for Fifth Middlesex District

For Horace P. Wakefield of Reading fifty nine votes 59
" John M. Simonds of Bedford twenty two " 22

Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County

For B. F. Hams of Natick twenty one votes 21
" Benjamin F. Hams of Cambridge fifty nine votes 59

County Treasurer

For Amos Stone of Charlestown eighty votes 80
"

Register of Deeds South District

For Caleb Hayden of Cambridge Eighty votes 80

Representative for 18th District

For William Henry Smith of Lexington forty seven votes 47
" Charles Tidd of Lexington eight " 8
" William Winn of Burlington nineteen " 19

Town Affairs

1st Chose John W. Simonds moderator

2 voted to choose a Committee to effect a renewal of Insurance on the Town Hall Building not to exceed four thousand Dollars on the Building Fixtures Also to effect a renewal of the Insurance on the Town House Buildings

Chose Samuel Sage 2d William M. Ashby Committee

Charles Spalding submitted the following order

Ordered that the Town Change the Stove Lamps in the Town Hall to Kerosene burners. voted to choose a Committee of five to investigate and report at the next Town Meeting. Chose Geo Simonds, Charles Spalding, A. B. Adams, Charles A. Bullfinch & Thomas Stiles Committee

A true record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

370 Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov 11th/61

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections & in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Thursday November 14th 1861 at 7 Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 " See if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 11th day of November A.D. 1861

W. A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford November 11th 1861

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Nov 11th 1861. I have served this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places named nine days before the time of holding said meeting.

A true Copy Attest. Wm C. Lane } Constable of Bedford

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Nov. 11th 1861.

Agreeable with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and disposed of the articles contained in the foregoing warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose George Simonds, moderator.

2 The Selectmen submitted the names of the following Persons to serve as Jurors viz. Isaac P. Bacon, John G. Billings, Joseph H. Goodwin, Henry Hosmer, Elbridge Jones, C. P. Johnson, C. J. Lane, Edward Merritt, William L. Putnam, William Parker, Nathan C. Reed, Samuel Sage, John W. Simonds, Joannes Saunders, Isaac D. Watts, Valentine Wilson. Voted to accept the above list as presented by the Selectmen.

3 The Committee chosen at the last Town meeting to investigate the subject of making an exchange of Lamps made a verbal report.

Voted to exchange the Fluid lamps for Kerosene Burners, Also voted to choose a Committee of three persons to purchase the same, for the Town Hall.

Chose Thomas Stiles George Simonds and Lyman Cole } Committee

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

57 Warrant for Town Meeting March 3 1862

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the third day of March next at 9 Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2. " choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 " raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the year ensuing.

4th " raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

5th " raise money to pay any part of the Town debt.

6th " See what method the town will take to repair the roads and Bridges.

7th " raise money to repair the roads & Bridges.

8th " See if the Town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell

9th " See if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common grounds & Highways the year ensuing.

10th " See if the Town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray current expenses or pay any of the Town debt that may be called for.

11th By request of J. P. Hastings to see if the Town will abate a Tax on five thousand dollars assessed in 1858 on

Warrant for March Meeting Continued

hundred and Sixty or do any thing relating to it.

13th By request of A. C. Cutler to see if the town will abate the tax on his Barn or do any thing respecting the same.

15th By request of Cyrus & Wm Williams to see if the town will pay Simeon for labor done on the highway near the Spring House or do any thing respecting it.

14th To see if the Town will raise money by taxation or in any other way provide the funds from which death may be made in aid of families of volunteers in accordance with an act of the Legislature for that purpose

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town Hall in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

William A. Stearns, Wm W. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 22 1862.

Middlesex ss

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places within named nine days before the time of holding said meeting.

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

Bedford March 3 1862.

A true Copy,

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

3/11 March Meeting March 3 1862.

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 Chose Thomas Stiles Town Clerk } Sworn

Selectmen Chose By Ballot — Wm A. Sloans, Wm M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Sworn

Assessors Chose By Ballot — Isaac P. Bacon, Henry Wood, Samuel Sage } Sworn

Overseers of the Poor — Henry Wood, Isaac P. Bacon, Oliver P. Davis } Chosen by Ballot

On motion voted That the Salary of the Treasurer be for the Ensuing year.

Chose Phinehas W. Chamberlin Treasurer } Sworn

School Committee Isaac S. Watts was Chosen for 3 years

Constables Chose — Daniel Constantine, William A. Lane } Sworn

Pound Keeper Chose Caton C. Wood } Sworn

Funeral Undertaker Chose Charles Spalding.

Fence Viewers Chose — Wm A. Lane, Wm M. Ashby, Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

Surveyor of Shingles Chose Amos B. Cutler } Sworn

March 3 Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Wood & Bark Chose Thomas Stiles
Thomas B. Wosmer Elmer J. Lane
Wm M. Ashby Jonas Monroe Wm A. Lane } Sworn

Field Drivers Chose Samuel Sage Wm A. Lane
John L. Davis Elbridge W. Williams John Clark
Isaac L. Watts William Parker } Sworn

Surveyors of Highways Chose Charles Spalding.
Thaddeus H. Davis. George H. Smith. George H. Conant.
Isaac L. Watts. Calvin Tuttle. William Parker. } Sworn
and William Clark.

Cemetery Committee Chose P. M. Cambelin
Charles Spalding
Joseph H. Goodwin }

Collector of taxes. Voted to receive proposals for that service. David Constantine proposed to collect the taxes the ensuing year for the sum of nineteen Dollars. To be collected in the following manner one half on the first Monday of October with twelve days grace the remainder on the first Monday of February with twelve days grace. Single Polls payable on demand. if the first installment is not paid promptly the whole tax may be demanded and collected. And all persons paying their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent. And the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector for the amount paid into the Treasury within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector.

Chose David Constantine Collector } Sworn

Auditors Chose Marcus B. Webber
Samuel Sage }

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Wm W. Ashby
Surveyors of Highways Chas Elbridge Wm Hearn } Sworn
Oliver Jane

Five Wards Chose Joseph P Phelps
Isaac P. Bacon
Wm W. Ashby
Wm W. Wade
Elbridge P. Davis } Sworn

3 Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred Dollars to defray the ordinary charges $1200.00

4th Voted to raise the sum of eleven hundred Dollars for the support of Schools $1100.00

5th Voted to lay the 5th article on the table

6th Voted to repair the roads and bridges by (of resident & non resident) taxing a tax on the polls and Estates, to be expended in labor under the direction of eight Surveyors of highways

7th Voted to raise the sum of five hundred Dollars to be expended in labor and materials under the direction of the Surveyors of highways at the following prices for a man 10 cts per hour Horse & Cart 10 cts per hr of Oxen & Cart 12½ cts per hour, and 8 cts per hour for the time that a Plow is used. the limits of Surveyors & highways and tax to be apportioned by the Assessors in accordance with a plan presented by I. P. Bacon and accepted by the Town said plan is on file in the Clerks Office. Also voted to raise an additional sum of one hundred Dollars in money to purchase material for the repair of the Bridges to be drawn from the Treasury under the direction of the Selectmen if necessary.

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8th Voted to refer the 8th article to the Selectmen.

9th Voted to restrain neat Cattle & Horses from going at large on the Common lands and Highways.

10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay town debts that may be called for and defray current expenses.

11th Voted to lay the 11th Article on the table.

12th Voted to Indefinitely postpone the 12th article.

13th Voted to pay Cyrus H. Williams sixteen Dollars for labor on the highway near the Spring house.

14th Voted to lay the 14th article on the table.

The Selectmen submitted their report on the expenses of the town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office Also their report on Guide posts and Guide Boards which was accepted and ordered placed on file in the Clerk Office
Also their report on Liquor Agency which was accepted and ordered placed on file

The Overseers of the Poor submitted their report on the expenses of the Poor which was which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file. Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to appraise the Personal Property on the towns ratio chose Maddens H. Davis Benjamin F. Davis and Benjamin F. Hartwell Committee whose duty it is to appraise the personal property at the commencement and at the close of the year. commencing with March 1862.

. March Meeting 1862 Continued

The Canaan Committee submitted their report for the year ending March 3 1862. which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report on the finances of the Town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerk Office.

Samuel Sage submitted the following Resolve which was passed.

Resolved That the Selectmen be directed to request all persons (if whom they may have knowledge) who have made encroachments on the highways to discontinue the same and remove their fence from the limits of the highways within three months and if the same is not done then they be directed to present the same to the Grand Jury at their first time as a nuisance. Also that they be directed to pursue a like course with all persons who within five years have left such encroachments within the limits of the highway.

N. H. Chamberlin presented the following order

Ordered. That the board of Overseers chosen this day be and are hereby directed to collect all bills due to their department as soon as they may deem it practicable and from the receipts pay debts owed by their department and if there shall be a balance remaining unpaid, the same be paid from the Town Treasury the above order was passed.

A true Record

Attest Thomas Giles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 31st 1862.

Middlesex Ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the thirty first Inst. at 6½ Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will raise money by taxation or in any other way provide the funds from which drafts may be made in aid of families of Volunteers in accordance with an act of the present Legislature for that purpose.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town Hall, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of holding said meeting.

William A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
Oliver J. Paine
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford March 21st 1862.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford March 31st 1862.
I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places within named. Wm H. Paine Constable of Bedford

A true copy.
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 31st 1862.

1st Charles Spalding was Chosen Moderator

2 Voted that the money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated or so much as is necessary be used in aid of families of volunteers in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

Thomas Stiles submitted the following Resolve which was passed.
Resolved that the Town tender the use of the Town Hall to the Ladies Soldiers Aid Society (free of charge) to hold their meetings to remain and to the Sick and Wounded Soldiers of our Army

A true record Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Dedham Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of August next at seven & half O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Thomas Stiles & others to see what method the town will take to raise money to pay a bounty to eight men called for by the Governor and Commander

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in chief, being the amount of our quota of three hundred thousand called for by the President of the United States.

3 Transact any other business that may legally come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses and at the town House eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Wm A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford July 30th 1862.

I have served the within warrant as directed by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Wm A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

Bedford Aug 1st 1862.

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Town met and acted on the articles contained in the warrant in the following manner.

1st Chose Charles Spalding moderator.

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2 Voted to pay a bounty of one hundred Dollars to each of the eight volunteers called for under order No 26 when mustered in to the the United States service. Provided they come forward and enlist before the 15th of the present month. Also voted to authorise the Selectmen to borrow money on the credit of the Town at six per cent interest to pay the above bounty.

3 Voted to lay the 3 article upon the table.

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday the 11th Inst at 7 Oclock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 By request of Henry Wood & nine others. To see if the Town will raise a bounty for nine months volunteers from this town or do anything respecting the same

3 To see if the Town will prescribe any other method of calling town meetings than the present mode

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 10th 1862.

The public meeting houses & at the town hall nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Herein fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

W. A. Stearns
Wm M. Ashby
Elias J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford September 1st 1862

Middlesex S.S.

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Wm. H. Lane Constable of Bedford

Bedford Sept. 10th 1862.

A true Copy, attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant a ma notice the Town met and acted upon the articles contained in the warrant as follows.

1st Chose Amos B. Cutler Moderator.

2 Voted, to pay a bounty of one hundred Dollars to each of the nine months Volunteers from the town of Bedford, Called for by the Governor and Commander in Chief of this Commonwealth, under the call of the President of the United States, for three hundred thousand men, when they are sworn into the service of the United States. Also voted to instruct the Selectmen to borrow money on the credit of the Town, on the best terms they can, to pay said bounty.

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3 Voted that the Selectmen may call a town meeting on the petition of twenty legal voters by directing a Constable to serve a notice on every voter either by reading to him the warrant of said meeting or leaving at his residence a printed or written copy of the same 24 hours at least before the time of said meeting.

A true record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex S.S.

To Wm. A Jane Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and the legal voters of the Town of Bedford aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, On Wednesday the first day of October next at seven o'clock in the evening, by posting a printed copy of this Warrant at the residence of every legal voter in said Bedford there and then to act on the following Subjects as they shall think proper to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2 By request of George Simonds & 21 others legal voters of the Town of Bedford to see what measures the town will take to raise their quota of nine months volunteers called for by the Governor & Commander in Chief under the call of the President of the United States for three hundred thousand men.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time & place of the meeting aforesaid.

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Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and sixty two.

W. A. Stearns
Wm. M. Ashby
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss.

I have notified the legal voters by leaving a printed Notice with every one twenty four hours before the time of said meeting.

Wm. A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the articles contained in the warrant as follows.

1st Chose Isaac L. Watts Moderator.

2 Voted to pay one hundred dollars in addition to the bounty already offered to fill up an quota of the last call of the President for 9 months men. Also voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the money on the credit of the town to pay said bounty.

A true record attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 4th day of November next at 1 Oclock P.M. (at which time the Polls will be closed) to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth a Councillor for District No 3 a Secretary, Treasurer and receiver General Auditor & Accountant Attorney General & Representative to Congress from District No 4 a Senator for District No 3 Sheriff for Middlesex County, District Attorney County Commissioner for Middlesex County & two Special Commissioners also 3 Commissioners of Insolvency all on one ballot Representative to General Court for District No 18 on a Special ballot

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz.

1st Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 See if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

3 See if the Town will make any alteration in the division of money appropriated for the several School Districts.

4th See if the Town will discontinue the posting of Warrants for Town Meetings on the old Church.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town Hall nine days at least

before the time of holding said meeting.

Herof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

W. H. Sloans } Selectmen
Wm W. Ashby } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford)

Bedford October 21th 1862.

Middlesex S.S.

Shone served this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified 7 days before the time of holding the said meeting.

Wm A Lane } Constable of
Bedford Nov 3 1862. } Bedford)

A true Copy attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several articles contained in the warrant as follows. The Poll was opened by the Selectmen for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for the afore named Officers which was soon counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following Persons, Viz.

For Governor.

Charles Devens jr. of Worcester. Sixty two votes.	62
John A. Andrew of Boston. Sixty votes.	60

For Lieutenant Governor.

Thomas L. Hamlett of Pittsfield. Sixty two votes.	62
Joel Hayden of Williamsburg. Sixty votes.	60

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For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Nathaniel B. Smith of Boston, Sixty two votes. 62
Oliver Warner of Northampton, Sixty votes. 60

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Daniel Saunders jr. of Danvers, Sixty two votes. 62.
Henry K. Oliver of Salem. Sixty votes. 60

For Attorney General.

Henry H. Piper of Cambridge, Sixty two votes. 62
Dwight Foster of Worcester. Sixty votes. 60

For Auditor.

Charles Kimball of Ipswich. Sixty two votes. 62
Levi Reed of Abbington. Sixty votes. 60

For Councillor. District No. 3.

H. H. D. Nightman of Chelmsford. Sixty two votes. 62
James A. Shute of Somerville. Sixty votes. 60

For Senator. Middlesex. District No. 5.

John Cummings jr. of Woburn. Sixty two votes. 62
Horace P. Wakefield of Reading. Sixty votes. 60

For Representative to Congress. District No. 5

Benjamin F. Thomas of West Roxbury. Sixty two votes. 62
Gabriel S. Boutwell of Groton. Sixty votes. 60

For Sheriff.

Charles H. Kimball of Lowell. one hundred and two votes. 102

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For District Attorney.

S. D. Pickering of Charlestown, Sixty two Votes 62
Isaac S. Wash of Lowell, Sixty Votes 60

For County Commissioner.

Joseph Bullard Framingham Sixty two Votes 62
Edward G. Collins of Newton Sixty Votes 60

For Special Commissioners.

Horatio Moore of Waltham, Sixty two Votes 62
Robert P. Woods of Groton, Sixty two Votes 62
Benjamin F Hunen of Framingham, Sixty Votes 60
William W Edgarton of Shirley, Sixty Votes 60

For Commissioners Insolvency.

James Dana of Charlestown, Sixty two Votes 62
Silley Eaton of South Reading, Sixty two Votes 62
E. A. Alger of Lowell, Sixty two Votes 62
Lucius H. Wakefield of Hopkinton, Sixty Votes 60
James C. Boswell of South Reading, Sixty Votes 60
Henry Baldwin of Brighton, Sixty Votes 60

For Representative to the General Court.
District No 18.

William A Stone of Lexington, Eighty Votes 80
John Hastings of Lexington, Sixty two Votes 62

Town Affairs.

1st Chas. P. W. Chamberlin, Moderator.

. November Meeting Continued

2d The Selectmen submitted the names of the following Persons to serve as jurors.

P. W. Chamberlin. C. J. Lane. Hannibal Pond.
Henry A. Reason. Benjamin J. Davis.
Edward Hunt. Nathan P. Watts. Geo. H. Smith.
Hiram D. Wilbur. Joseph Litchfield. Nathan C. Read
C. F. Johnson. Henry Wood. Wm H. Mudge.
George W. Cutler. Hiram S. Cutler.
Voted to accept the above list.

3d Voted to refer the subject of the third article to a Committee to report at the next town meeting. in addition to the School Committee Chas Jarvis Sage and E. P. Wasmer for the Center District. J. A. Reason for the East E. P. Davis for the West. Wm W. Mudge for the South C. J. Lane for the North District

4th Voted in the negative.

A true Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2 1863.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 2 day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles Town affairs viz.

1st To Chose Moderator for said meeting

2 " " All necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 " Raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

4th " Raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th " See if the town will raise money to pay any portion of the town debt.

6th " See what method the town will take to repair the roads & Bridges.

7th Raise money to repair the roads & Bridges.

8th " See if the town will take any measures for the fencing of a Pen.

9th " See if the town will vote to let neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the Common grounds & highways the year ensuing.

10th " See if the town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes to defray current expenses or pay any part of the town debt the same may be called for.

3 March Meeting Warrant Continued

11th To see if the Town will pay the expenses incurred by reducing the enrolled Militia list.

12th To see if the Town will make any allowance in posting warrants for Town Meetings.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses & at the Town House nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of or before the time of said meeting.

W A Stearns } Selectmen
Wm M. Ashby }
Oliver J Lane } of Bedford

Bedford Feb 21st 1863.

I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified 9 days before the time of said meeting

Wm A Lane } Constable of Bedford

Bedford Feb 23 1863.

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing Warrant we notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the several articles contained in the warrant as follows

1st Chose Samuel Sage Moderator.

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2 Chose Thomas Stiles Town Clerk Sworn

Chose By Ballot — William A. Stearns, William M. Ashby, Oliver J. Sage } Selectmen. Sworn

Chose By Ballot — Isaac P. Bacon, Henry Wood, Samuel Sage } Assessors. Sworn.

Chose By ballot — P. H. Chamberlin } Treasurer Sworn

Chose By Ballot — Henry Wood Sworn, Isaac P. Bacon Sworn, Oliver P. Davis Sworn } Overseers of Poor

Chose By Ballot — Daniel Constantine, Thomas B. Wasmer } Constables Sworn

Chose — Marcus D. Hobbs School Committee 3 years
" — Samuel Sage School Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Isaac G. Watts

Chose — Joseph H. Goodwin } Pound keeper Sworn

Chose — P. H. Chamberlin, Joseph H. Goodwin, Charles Spalding } Cemetery Committee

Chose — Charles Spalding } Funeral Undertaker

Chose — Samuel Sage, George H. Cobiant, Joel Mansfield } Fence Viewers Sworn

Chose — [illegible], I. P. Bacon & Oliver J. Sage } Surveyors of Lumber Sworn

3 March. Meeting Continued

Chase — Thomas Niles, Albert Bacon, Thomas B. Harmon, Wm A. Lane, Jonas Monroe — Surveyors of Wood & Lumber Sworn.

Chase — Hannah Sage, Wm A. Lane, William Clark — John F. Boynton, Joseph Skinner, Wm H. Hodges — Auditors Sworn.

Chase — Thomas C. Cutler, Miriam L. Sutton, Nathan C. Reed, Benjamin F. Davis, Hiram Clark — Ebridge H. Hoar, Isaac E. Welch, Hannibal Pond, Joseph Skinner, Constantine Hill — Surveyors of Highways.

Chase — Isaac P. Bacon, Charles F. Pierce, Chas P. Davis — John D. Billings, Sarkis P. Page, Wm H. Hodges — Fire Wards Sworn

Chase — Hannah Sage & M. B. Webber — Auditors

Collection of Taxes voted to pay the sum of twenty dollars for that service, and Chase, Daniel Constantine Collector Sworn. To be collected in the following manner. One half on the first Monday in October with twelve days grace the remainder on the first Monday of February 1864 with twelve days grace Silver bills payable on demand. If the first instalment is not paid promptly the whole tax may be demanded and collected. And all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent and the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector

on the amount paid into the Treasury within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector.

3 Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred Dollars for to defray ordinary charges $1200,00

4th Voted to raise Eleven hundred dollars for the support of Schools $1100,00

5th Voted to lay the fifth article on the table.

6th Voted to assess a tax on the polls and estates of residents and non residents to be expended or under the direction of the Surveyors of highways at the following prices for a man 15ct pr hour Oxen & Cart 13ct pr hour Horse & Cart 12½ct pr hour and 8 cts pr hour for a plow for the time it is used. a discount of twelve per cent shall be allowed to those that pay money to the Surveyors when they are called upon to work.

7th Voted to raise seven hundred dollars to be expended in labor and material for the repair of the highway and Bridges.
Also voted to raise one hundred dollars in money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen on the highway between Lexington line and Carlisle Bridge (so called)

8th Voted to authorise the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell.

9th Voted to restrain Cattle & Horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways.

March 3 Meeting Continued

16th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay current expenses and town debts that may be called for

11th Voted in the affirmative

15th Voted to discontinue the posting of town warrants at either of the Churches & to post a copy of warrants for town meetings at the Town Hall and Post Office.

The Selectmen and Overseers Submitted their report on the Expenses of the Town the past year which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The Selectmen Submitted their reports on the Liquor Agency and Fuel Boards & Fuel Pasts which were accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report on the condition of the finances of the Town which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

The Cemetery Committee submitted their annual report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file

The Committee whom was raised the subject of increasing the portion of School Money appropriated to the South District report that in their opinion the portion of the South District should be increased one per cent making it 16 per ct and the portion of the East diminished to 16 per ct and the other Districts should remain as at present Adjourned Sine die by the Committee

A true Record Attest Thomas Giles Town Clerk

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Middlesex Ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Tidyard, Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at 1 Oclock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the following articles of amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.—

Article of Amendment.

No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote, or shall be eligible to Office unless he shall have resided within the Jurisdiction of the United States for five years subsequent to his naturalization and shall be otherwise qualified according to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth: Provided, that this amendment shall not affect the right which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof: And provided further that it shall not affect the right of any child of a Citizen of the United States born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom. is hereby wholly annulled.

Also act on the following articles of Town Affairs viz.

1st Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 See if the town will raise money and make an appropriation from which orders may be drawn to aid families of volunteers under the act of the Legislature Adopted by the Town.

3 See what measures the town will take in relation to an act of the Legislature, Approved March 12 1863 Entitled an act in further addition to an act in aid of families of volunteers.

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4th See if the Town will raise money for the relief of families under the aforesaid act.

5th See if the Town will raise money by taxation to pay any part of the town debt.

6th Fill any vacancy in any town Office which may exist at the time of the aforesaid meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warant by posting attested copies thereof at the town Hall and at the Post Office, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Wm A Staines } Selectmen
Wm M. Ashby } of
Oliver J Lane } Bedford

Bedford. March 27th 1863.

Bedford. March 27th 1863

I hereby certify that I have served the within warant in accordance to your direction

C. D. Hosmer Constable
of Bedford

A true copy attest

Thomas Hiles Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing warant we notified the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the several articles contained in the warant as follows.

On the Article of amendment to the Constitution
Eleven Persons voted no and 11
five voted yes 5

Town Meeting April 6th 1863

Town Affairs

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2 Voted that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow money on the credit of the town for the payment of the orders drawn by the Selectmen in aid of families of volunteers. And the same be repaid when ever there is any in the Treasury unappropriated

3 Voted that the Town adopt the act of the Legislature approved March 12th 1863 and carry out its provisions.

4th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the relief of families under the aforesaid Act.

5th Voted that the sum of one thousand be raised by taxation, and that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to draw upon the same on and after the fifth day of October next for so much as shall be sufficient and pay seven hundred dollars of the principal of that part of the debt borrowed by them with the interest which shall have accrued upon the said sum of seven hundred dollars, and that the balance be appropriated for the payment of interest

6th Chose Samuel Sage Surveyor of highways in place of Elbridge W. Stearns declined Serving.
Also chose Joseph Hartwell 2 Surveyor of highways in place of Hiram Clark declined Serving.

A true record attest

Thomas Niles Town Clerk

Whereas Thomas F Wilson Town Clerk of Bedford is absent and thereby is prevented from performing the duties of Clerk for said Town

This is to certify that we have this eleventh day of September eighteen hundred and Sixty three appointed Marcus B Webber Clerk pro tempore with authority to perform all duties incumbent on him by virtue of said Office during the absence of the Clerk

H. C. Stearns) Selectmen
Oliver F Lane) of Bedford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex S. S. Bedford September 11th 1863

Then personally appeared Marcus B Webber and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Clerk pro tempore of the Town of Bedford

Before me Phinehas H Chamberlin
Justice of the Peace

The document of which the above is a copy has two 2 cent U. S. Stamps affixed

A true Copy

Attest

Marcus B Webber
Town Clerk pro tempore

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 28th 1863.

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dedham
Greeting. In the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of said Town qualified to vote in elections & in
Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town
on Monday the twenty eighth day of September inst.
at seven o'clock P.M. (at which time the polls will
be opened) to act on the following articles of
Town affairs, viz.

1st Giving in their votes to the Selectmen for
a Clerk pro tem for said meeting.

2 Choose Moderator for said meeting.

3 To see if the town will assess a tax for the reimburse-
ment of bounty paid to volunteers or do any
thing respecting the same.

4 Transact any other business that may legally
come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
attested copies thereof at the Town Hall & Post Office in said
Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & the Selectmen
are to be before the time of holding said meeting.

Dedham Sept 19th 1863. H. F. Stearns } Selectmen
W. H. Ashley } of Dedham

Dedham Sept 22 1863.

I hereby certify that I have posted
attested copies of the within warrant according to the direction
To the Selectmen. F. B. Wasmer Constable
A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting Sept 28th 1863.

Agreeable with the foregoing Warrant and
at which the Inhabitants of said Town met and
acted on the several articles of the warrant
as follows

Art 1st The Clerk being present, there was no action
taken on said article.

2 Chose George Simonds moderator by ballot.

3 Voted that the town pay and assess its Tax
for the reimbursement of Bounty paid to
Volunteers, in accordance with the 9th Section
of the act of 1863, assessing the same, and
that the Town Treasurer be authorized and
directed to pay said Tax from any money
in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

4th No action taken

A true record Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov 3 1863.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables
of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of said Town qualified to vote in elections and
in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in
said Town on Tuesday the 3 day of November
next at 1 O'clock P.M. (at which time the polls
will be opened) to bring in their votes to the
following officers Governor & Lieutenant Governor
of this Commonwealth, Councillor for District
No 5, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General
Auditor of Accounts Attorney General, Senator
for District, No 3, Register of Probate & Insolvency

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

For Middlesex County and County Commissioner, all on one ballot.
Representative to General Court for District No 18. on a separate ballot.

Also act on the following articles of Town affairs. Viz.

1st Choose Moderator for said meeting.

2d See if the Town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

3d By request of S. P. Bacon & ten others, to see if the Town will pay the Widow Henry Hosmer & Widow C. B. Cone their proportion of the State aid (to families of Vol.) between the death of their husbands, and the time the law was made allowing widows State aid.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall & Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said meeting.

H. A. Stearns. } Selectmen.
Wm M. Ashby. }
Bedford Oct 23 1863 Silas J. Sanborn } Bedford

Bedford October 26th 1863.
I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant according to your direction.

To the Selectmen of Bedford } S. D. Hosmer } Constable

A true Copy attest } Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Nov 3 1863.

. Agreeably with the foregoing warrant and notice the legal voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained in said warrant as follows.
The Selectmen opened the Polls for the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for the above named State and County Officers which were received sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and public declaration made thereof in open Town meeting which was as follows.

For Governor.
John A. Andrew of Boston Suffolk County five votes 75
Henry W. Paine of Cambridge forty votes. 40

For Lieutenant Governor.
Joel Hayden of Williamsburg Hampshire County four votes 74
Thomas L. Nesbitt of Pittsfield forty one votes. 41

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Oliver Warner of Northampton Hampshire County four votes 74
F. W. Bird of Winchester forty one votes 41

For Treasurer and Receiver General.
Henry K. Oliver of Salem Essex three votes. 73
. Nathan Clark of Lynn forty two votes. 42

For Attorney General.
Dwight Foster of Worcester Worcester County three votes 73
Theodore H. Sweetser of Lowell forty two votes. 42

For Auditor
Levi Reed of Abington Plymouth County three votes 73
. Moses Bates of Plymouth forty two votes 42

November Meeting Continued.

For Councellor for Councillor 6th District
James. H. Shute of Dunstable County three votes, 3.
D. C. Richardson of Stoneham forty two votes. 42.

For Senator 5th Middlesex District
Oliver Clark of Winchester seventy three votes. 73.
Daniel H. Johnson of Medford forty two votes. 42.

For County Commissioners.
Samuel Hunkins, of Tewksbury, seventy three votes. 73.
E. A. Alger of Lowell forty two votes. 42.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.
Joseph H. Tyler, of Cambridge, seventy three Votes. 73.
Joshua P. Converse, of Woburn, forty two votes. 42.

For Representative to the General Court 1st Dist.
Pinckas H. Chamberlin, of Sudbury fifty eight votes. 58.
William Winn, of Lexington, fifty nine votes. 59.

Town Affairs.

1st Chose Charles Spalding, Moderator by ballot

2 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen which is as follows.
J. H. Butterfield, John C. Bacon, Amos S. Cutler,
Lyman Cole, Edward Flint, Obediah S. Johnson,
Oliver J. Dane, William H. Rudge, Edward Merritt,
Joshua P. Page, Nathan C. Reed, Charles Robinson,
Willis Hoss, Charles Spalding, Otheniel W. Stearns,
Isaac L. Watts.

3 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to draw orders upon the Town Treasury for money not otherwise appropriated to the amount of Twelve dollars per month for the Hon. Geo. Nixon while they have drawn the full amount in justice due to each of them. A True Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 1864

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town on Monday the 7th day of March next at 9 Oclock A.M.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d " Chose all necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing

3 " Raise money to defray the ordinary charges

4th " Raise money for the support of schools

5th " See if the town will raise money to pay any portion of the town debt

6 " [illegible] to repair the roads and bridges

7th " Raise money to repair the roads and bridges

8th " See if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell

9th " See if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the Common and on the highways the ensuing

Warrant for Town Meeting continued

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes to defray current expenses, or pay any portion of the Town debt that may be called for.

By request of the Overseers of the Poor to see if Town will lengthen out the Shed for a Carriage House and finish off a room for a Lobby, or do any thing respecting the same.

12th To see if the Town will discontinue the School in the South District or do any thing respecting the same.

To see if the Town will vote to have the Public Schools keep five days each week instead of [illegible]

And

[illegible]

the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Meeting.

William Mudgett
Warren J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 26th 1864

[illegible]

Town Meeting March 7th 1864

Agreeable with the foregoing Warrant and action

on the several articles contained in the Warrant

1st Chose Isaac L Watts Moderator

" William A. Means
" William M. Ashby
" Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen, Town

" Henry Wood
" Samuel Sage
" Isaac L Watts
} Assessors, Town

" Phinehas W Chamberlin, Treasurer Town

" Henry Wood
" Alden P. Davis
" Oliver J Lane
} Overseers of Poor, Town

" William A Lane
" David Constantine
} Constables Town

" Isaac
" Charles Robinson for three years

Joseph H. Goodwin, Pound Keeper, Town

" Phinehas W. Chamberlin
" Joseph H. Goodwin
" Charles Spalding
} Cemetery

" Charles Spalding, Funeral Undertaker

Town Meeting continued

Chose William Audsley
" Charles W. Corey } Fence Viewers
" Joseph H. Goodwin

" William M. Oakley
" [illegible]
" Thomas Stiles } Surveyors of Wood & Lumber

" Samuel Sage
" Isaac P. Bacon
" Marcus B. Weber
" William A. Pease } Surveyors of Boards & Lt
" [illegible]

[illegible]

The Legal voters of Redford
[illegible]
Agreeable to adjournment,

Chose Phinehas H. Chamberlain Sworn
" Samuel Sage Sworn
" William Wark "
" Elbridge Williams "
" [illegible] Sworn
" [illegible] Sworn
" Charles L. Hinds "
" Thomas Stiles Sworn

" Samuel Sage } Auditors
" Thomas Stiles

Voted to pay the sum of thirty dollars for the collection of taxes, Chose David Constantine Collector
Taxes to be collected in the following manner,
one half on the first Monday in October, with three
days grace, the remainder, on the first Monday
of Feb. 1865, with three days grace

Town Meeting Continued

may be demanded & collected, and all persons

expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector.

3 Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars (1200.) to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year

4th Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars (1100.)

5th Voted to raise five hundred dollars (600.) three hundred (300) to pay interest

6 Voted to assess a tax on the polls & estates of residents & non-residents, to be expended under the direction of the Surveyors of highways, at the

& 10 cts per town for a pound, for the time that it is used, a discount of 12 p ct shall be allowed

7th

Town Meeting Continued

8

9th Voted to restrain neat cattle & horses from [illegible] the ensuing year.

10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow [illegible] to pay any portion of the town debt that may be called for.

11 Voted to choose a Committee of five to draw plans for [illegible] at the Towns Farm, provided it does not exceed [illegible]

Chose Messrs. Phinehas H. Chamberlin, Henry Howe & Ebenezer P. Davis a Committee for that purpose

[illegible] as a Special Appropriation to improve the buildings at the Town Farm.

12th Chose a Committee to investigate the facts in the case, in relation to the South-School, and report at the next Town Meeting.

[illegible]

13th [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and accepted & ordered to be placed on file

The Treasurer submitted his annual report [illegible] and ordered to be placed on file

The Cemetery Committee submitted their report, Accepted, & ordered to be placed on file

Phineas W. Chamberlain presented the following Resolution -

Which was adopted,

Resolved

That-in consideration of the large increase of the Towns Library in the Clerks Office it is desirable that there should be a catalogue of the same

[illegible] and Thomas Stiles & Samuel Saye are hereby constituted a Committee to prepare a catalogue [illegible] & pamphlets, [illegible] the Clerk to enter them upon the catalogue,

[illegible] that the committee

[illegible] be placed on file.

[illegible]

Attest

William A Stearns

Town Clerk

Town Meeting continued

[illegible]

by mistake

[illegible] "

" [illegible] "

" [illegible] "

" [illegible] "

" Levi B. Folsom. Sworn

" William M. Ashley Sworn

" [illegible] "

" Isaac L. Watts Sworn

" Isaac P. Bacon Sworn

" Reuben T. Peirce "

" Ebenezer P. Davis sworn Fire Wards

" John D. Billings sworn "

" Curtis P. Page "

" William W. Munroe "

Above record

Attest

[illegible]

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 29th 1864

Middlesex ss.

To William A Lane Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Bedford aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the 29th inst at seven O'clock P.M. by leaving a written or printed copy of this warrant at the last-m

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

or usual place of abode of every legal voter in said town, twenty four hours at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Then and there to act on the following subjects viz:

1st Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2d By request of Samuel Sage & nineteen others to see if the town will raise money & apply the same under the direction of the Selectmen in aid of & for the purpose of procuring its proportion of the Quota of Volunteers in the military service called for under the several orders of the President of the United States

3d To hear the report of the committee in relation to the South-school, and take such further action relating to the school as the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk on or before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting

W. A. Stearns, Wm M. Ashby, Oliver J Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford March 29th/64 I have served the within Warrant as directed W. M. Lane Constable of Bedford

Oliver Co[illegible]

Attest

William A Stearns Town Clerk

Bedford March 26th 1864

Town Meeting March 29th 1864

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants, Legal Voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject-matter contained in said Warrant as follows,

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

Town Meeting Continued

2d Voted to raise six hundred & twenty five dollars (625.) for the purpose of procuring its 2nd Quota of Volunteers under the call of the President of March 14th 1864, under the direction of the selectmen, in accordance with the act of the Legislature, Approved Nov 28th/64, and the Town Treasurer is authorized to borrow money for that purpose

3d The committee chosen at the last Annual meeting to take into consideration the subject relating to the South School District, that there had been a change in the district since the meeting & that in their opinion it was not necessary to take any further action. The report accepted & the Committee discharged from any further duty

A true record

Attest

William A Stevens

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 3d 1864

Middlesex, SS.

To William A Lane, Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the legal voters of the Town of Bedford aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Friday the 3d inst at 6 O'clock P.M. by leaving a written or printed copy of this warrant at the last or usual place of abode of every legal voter in said Town twenty four hours at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Then & there to act on the following subjects Viz!

1st Choose a Moderator for said meeting;

Warrant for Town Meeting continued

2d Brequest of Henry Wood & thirty one others to see if the Town will raise money & apply the same under the direction of the Selectmen for the purpose of procuring the Towns proportion of the Quota of Volunteers in the Military service, called for from the Commonwealth under any order or call of the President of the United States issued after the first day of March eighteen hundred and sixty four, and before the first day of March eighteen hundred and sixty five

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk on or before the time of the aforesaid meeting

W. A Stearns
Wm. M. Ashby
Oliver J Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford June 1st 1864

A true Copy

Attest- William A Stearns
Town Clerk

June 3 1864. I hereby certify that I have warned the legal Voters of the Town of Bedford as directed in this warrant- W. A. Lane Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting June 3d 1864

Agreeably with the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject-matter contained in said warrant as follows.

1st Chose Cyrus Page Moderator

2d Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to procure the Towns proportion of the Quota of Volunteers in the Military service, called for from the Commonwealth, under any order or call of the President of the

Town Meeting Continued

United States issued after the first day of March eighteen hundred and sixty four, and before the first day of March eighteen hundred and sixty five! in accordance with the provisions of the act of the General Court Approved March 28th 1864, and the Town Treasurer be authorized and directed to borrow money sufficient for that purpose

A true record

Attest

William A Stearns

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting August 13th 1864

Middlesex SS.

To William A Lane Constable of the Town of Bedford,

Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the legal Voters of the Town of Bedford aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the 13th instant at 7 o'clock P.M. by leaving a written or printed Copy of this warrant at the last or usual place of abode of every legal voter in said Town, twenty four hours at least before the time of holding said meeting, then & there to act on the following Articles viz. 1st To choose a Moderator in said Meeting 2 By request of Isaac S Walls & twenty others to ascertain whether the Town will pay 110 per cent in gold on its equivalent- pounty money to Volunteer Soldiers in

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk on or before the time of the aforesaid Meeting

William A Stearns } Selectmen
Oliver J Lane " } of Bedford

Bedford Aug 11th 1864.

Bedford Aug 12th 1864.

I have notified the legal Voters of the aforesaid Town as directed in this Warrant-

Attest

William A Lane Constable of Bedford

William A Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 13th 1864

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Bedford above said met and acted on the subject matter contained in said warrant as follows.

1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2d Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to pay a bounty of one hundred & twenty five dollars, either in gold, or legal currency, to all Volunteers who have enlisted, or shall enlist, and who are or shall be credited upon the Quota of this Town under the present call of the President & that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the money; and that it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen —

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest- William A Simonds Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting November 8th 1864

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections & in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town on Tuesday the 8th day of November next at 1 o'clock P.M. (at which time the Polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three Electors for President & Vice President of the United States, two from among the people at large and one from each of the Electoral Districts within this Commonwealth -

For a representative, to represent District No seven in Congress of the United States

Warrant for Town Meeting November 8th 1864

Also for a Governor and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth — a Councillor for District No three a Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts & Senator for District No five

County Officers

County Treasurer, County Commissioner, and register of Deeds for the Southern Middlesex District all on one ballot —

A Representative to represent the Eighteenth District in the General Court on a seperate ballot Also

Act on the following Articles of Town Affairs

1st Choose Moderator for said Meeting

2d See if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen

3d By request of Isaac P. Bacon to see if the Town will permit the Overseers of the Poor to enter into an agreement with him in relation to the support of Esther C. Bacon, or do any thing in relation to the same

4th See if the Town will reconsider the vote passed March 3d 1851 in relation to restricting the Overseers in regard to keeping the Poor out of the Almshouse

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office and at the Town Hall, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting

William A Stearns
William A Ashley
Oliver J Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford October 27th 1864

Town Meeting November 8th 1864

Bedford Nov 5th 1864

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places named

Wm A Lane } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest- William A Seams Town Clerk

Bedford Nov 8th 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of said Town met and acted on the matter contained in said warrant as follows

The Selectmen opened the Polls for State and County Officers in accordance with the foregoing warrant, the Votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and public declaration made thereof in open Town Meeting which were as follows

For Governor

John A Andrew of Boston one hundred eleven Votes 111
Henry W Paine of Cambridge forty three Votes 43

For Lieutenant Governor

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg one hundred eleven Votes 111
Thomas L Plunkett of Pittsfield forty three Votes 43

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Oliver Warner of Northampton one hundred eleven Votes 111
F. O. Prince of Winchester forty three Votes 43

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Henry K. Oliver of Salem one hundred eleven Votes 111
Nathan Clark of Lynn forty three Votes 43

For Attorney General

Chester I. Reed of Taunton one hundred eleven Votes 111
D. A. Simmons of Greenfield forty three Votes 43

For Auditor of Accounts

Levi Reed of Abington one hundred Eleven Votes 111
Moses Bates of Plymouth forty three Votes 43

Town Meeting continued

For Councillor District No. 3

Thomas Talbot of Billerica one hundred ten Votes (110
Isaac Davis of Cambridge forty three Votes (43

For Senator, Senatorial District No. 5

John Hill of Stoneham one hundred Eleven Votes (111
S. T. Sanborn of Winchester forty three Votes (43

For County Commissioners

Joseph H. Hall of Malden one hundred eleven Votes (111
Loren L. Fuller of Malden forty three Votes (43

For County Treasurer

Thomas Sise of Charlestown one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Jeremiah P. Jewett of Lowell forty three Votes (43

For Register of Deeds for Southern Middlesex District

Caleb Hayden of Cambridge one hundred Eleven Votes (111
E. H. Hayes of Charlestown forty three Votes (43

And there was received for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States and for Representative to Congress in accordance with the aforesaid Warrant and were as follows.

For Electors at large

Edward Everett of Boston one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield one hundred Eleven Votes (111
[illegible] of Boston forty three Votes (43
Erastus D. Beach of Springfield forty three Votes (43

District No. 1

[illegible] of [illegible] one hundred Eleven Votes (111
N. E. Howland of New Bedford forty three Votes (43

District No. 2

Artemas Hale of Bridgewater one hundred Eleven Votes (111
John Wilson of Cohasset forty three Votes (43

District No. 3

George Putnam of Roxbury one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Abraham Jackson of Boston forty three Votes (43

District No. 4

[illegible] of Cambridge one hundred Eleven Votes (111
[illegible] of Boston forty three Votes (43

Town Meeting continued

District No. 5

John L. Whitten of Amesbury one hundred Eleven Votes (111
S. Endicott Peabody of Salem forty three Votes (43

District No. 6

George L. Davis of North Andover one hundred Eleven Votes (111
James H. Carleton of Haverhill forty three Votes (43

District No. 7

Stephen M. Weld of West Roxbury one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Leverett Saltonstall of Newton forty three Votes (43

Samuel Sage
Jerome Sawin
Nath[l] P. Wallis

District No. 8

Joel Lincoln of Worcester one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Isaac Davis of Worcester forty three Votes (43

District No. 9

William S. Clark of Amherst one hundred Eleven Votes (111
William H. Fuller of Whately forty three Votes (43

Edmund Mendall
Joseph Phelps
Lewis Page
Charles P. Robbins

District No. 10

John Wells of Chicopee one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Abram Paige of Springfield forty three Votes (43

For Representative to Congress. District No. 7

George S. Boutwell of Groton one hundred Eleven Votes (111
Theodore H. Sweetser of Lowell forty three Votes

Lewis P. Glazier
Elijah Mills
Edward Bunker
Charles Robbins

Representative to General Court, P. W. Chamberlin of Bedford (94)
Voted unanimously for William Winn of Burlington (62)

Article 1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

2d Voted to accept of the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

3d Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with Isaac P. Bacon in relation to the support of Esther D. Bacon at one of the State Asylums

4th Voted to lay the article on the Table

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest William A Stearns Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Jan. 4th 1865.

Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 4th 1865

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Wednesday the fourth day of January next at 7 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town Affairs Viz!

1st Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2d See if the town will raise money by taxation sufficient to procure its part of the Quota of Volunteers under the call of the President for 300.000 men dated Dec 19th 1864

3d See if the town will adopt an act of the Legislature "Entitled an act in further addition to an act in aid of the families of Volunteers Approved March 12th 1863.

4th See if the town will adopt an act of the Legislature "Entitled an act in further addition to an act in aid of the families of Volunteers Approved Feb. 29th 1864.

5th See if the town will adopt an act of the Legislature "entitled an act to provide aid for the families of seamen in the naval service and for other purposes Approved April 11th 1864.

Also you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies hereof at the Post-Office & at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Town Meeting January 4th 1865

Hereof fail not-and make return of this warrant to the Clerk on or before the time of said meeting

William A. Stearns, William M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Dec 27th 1864

Bedford Dec 28th 1864

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified

A true Copy Attest- Wm A Lane } Constable

William A Stearns Town Clerk

Agreeably with the foregoing Warrant- the legal voters of the town of Bedford aforesaid met-and acted on the subject-matter contained in said warrant as follows.

1st Chose Cyrus Page Moderator

2d Voted to raise 600, dollars on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of said town, exempting those from any tax, who are in any way, represented in the Military Service of the United States.

Voted to chose a Collector to collect-the money- chose George Simonds for that-service

3d Voted to adopt-the act, and confirm the doings of the selectmen under the act-

4th Voted to adopt-the act-

5th Voted to adopt-the act-

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest- William A Stearns Town Clerk

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting March 6th 1865.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 6th day of March next at nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles of Town Affairs viz:

1st Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2d Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d Raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4th Raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.

5th See if the Town will raise money to pay any portion of the Town Debt.

6th See what method the Town will take to repair the roads and Bridges.

7th Raise money to repair the roads and bridges.

8th See if the Town will take any measures for the ringing of a Bell.

9th See if the Town will restrain neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the Common Grounds and Highways the year ensuing.

10th See if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to defray current expenses, or pay any portion of the Town Debt that may be called for.

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11th To hear a report from the Committee appointed to build a Lobby at the Town Farm, And also to see if the Town will appropriate a larger sum of money for that purpose, Or do anything respecting the same

12th See if the Town will reimburse Justus P. Hastings a portion of tax assessed on him in 1860, and which he declares to be unjust

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post-Office, and at the Town Hall, nine days at least, before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk on or before the time of holding said Meeting

William A. Reams
Williams M. Ashley
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb 25th 1865

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified nine days before the time appointed for the said meeting

Wm A. Lane
Constable of Bedford

Bedford Feb 28th 1865

A true Copy
Attest

William A. Reams Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 6th 1865

In accordance with the aforesaid warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject-matter contained therein as follows

1st Chose John W. Simonds Moderator

2d Town Clerk. William A. Reams, Sworn

Selectmen, William A. Reams
William M. Ashby
Oliver J. Lane } Sworn

Asst Assrs. Henry Wood
Samuel Page
Calvin Nourse } Sworn

Overseers of Poor. Henry Wood
Oliver J. Lane
William W. Mudge } Sworn

Constables, William A. Lane
Daniel Constantine } Sworn

Treasurer P. W. Chamberlin Sworn

Voted to adjourn until 1, o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment and proceeded to business

School Committee, Samuel Page

Pound Keeper, Silas Brooks

Cemetery Committee, P. W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding
Joseph H. Goodwin }

March Meeting Continued

Funeral Undertaken. Charles Spalding

Fence Viewers, Nathan O. Reed
Thaddeus H. Davis } sworn
Joseph Phelps

Surveyors of Lumber, William M. Ashby } sworn
Isaac P. Bacon

Surveyors of Wood & Bark,
Marcus B. Webber William A. Lane
Samuel Page William M. Ashby } Sworn
Charles A Corey Thomas Stiles

Field Drivers, Charles L. Wait- Samuel Page
Cyrus Page William Clark } sworn
John Wilkins Harison Nourse

Surveyors of Highways,
West Centre Samuel Page, South Dis. Hannibal Pond
East " Henry Wood, East " D. M. Richards } Sworn
North Dis. Charles L. Wait- West " Levi B. Folsom } not

Fire Wards, George Simonds } South Dis, William W. Mudge
William A. Putnam } Centre, East " Isaac E. Fitch
Charles A Corey } West " Benj. J. Davis
North Dis. William A Lane

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock Elected to serve until others are chosen in their stead

Appraisers, Thaddeus H. Davis
Benjamin J. Davis
Benjamin F Hartwell }

Collector of Taxes, David Constantine
Auditors, Levi P. Gleason Jr & Thomas B Hosmer

March Meeting Continued

3d Article Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year

4th Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year

5th Voted to raise no money to pay town debt the present year, with the exception of four hundred dollars, raised to meet the interest, that may accrue on Town Debt

6th Voted that the money be expended on the Highways by six Surveyors in six districts, Viz. North, South, East, West, East Centre and West Centre & and the Selectmen be directed to make the limits of said districts, and the Assessors to apportion the money to the several Surveyors as soon as may be, and furnish the Selectmen, and each Surveyor with said limits and apportionment

But the Selectmen shall not draw any order for money unless the Surveyor shall give a full and just account of the expenditure of the same

7th Voted to raise eight hundred dollars in money for the repairs of roads & bridges

8th Voted that the Bell be rung at 12 M. and at 9. P.M. Also for Town Meetings & funerals, and that it be left with the Selectmen to contract with some person for that service

9th Voted that neat Cattle and Horses be restrained from running at large on the Common Grounds and Highways the year ensuing

March Meeting Continued

10th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to defray current expenses, or pay any portion of the Town Debt that may be called for.

11th Voted to lay this article on the table

12th Voted that the tax Assessed on Joshua P. Hastings in 1860 for five thousand dollars, money at interest be refunded

Voted to pay thirty dollars for the collection of taxes and that they be collected in the same way as last year, which is as follows.

Manner of Collecting taxes

One half on the first Monday of October with twelve days grace, The remainder on the first Monday in February 1866 with twelve days grace. Single Polls payable on demand. If the first instalment is not paid promptly the whole tax may be demanded and collected And all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent, and the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the Town or County Treasury within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their report on the expenses of the Town the past year which was read and accepted and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

Selectmen [illegible] their report on the Pauper money read & accepted, ordered on file

Town Meeting continued

Selectmen presented a report on Guide Boards which was read & accepted, and ordered to be placed on file

Treasurer presented his report of the finances of the Town - read & accepted, ordered on file

Cemetery Committee presented their report and was disposed of in the same manner

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest William A Wetherbee
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting November 7th 1865

Middlesex SS,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town the seventh day of November next at one O'clock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, a Councillor for District No Three a Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, and Senator for District No five, District Attorney, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners, a Sheriff for Middlesex County, and Register of Deeds for the southern District for said County to fill said offices for the remainder of the time for which the late Caleb Hayden Esq Deceased, was Elected, all on one ballot.

Warrant for Novemben Meeting

A representative to the General Court for the Eighteenth representative District on a seperate ballot.

Also act on the following articles of Town Affairs. Viz:

1st Choose Moderator for said meeting

2d By request of Samuel Sage to see if the Town will think it expedient for the School Committee to transfer Scholars from the outer School Districts to the Centre Grammar School when they may think it advisable

3d See if the Town will procure any more hose for the Fire Engine

4th By request of N. P. Watts to see if the Town will raise a sum of money by taxation sufficient to pay and refund any money contributed by individuals in aid of, and for the purpose of filling its Quotas, under the call of the President of the United States on of the War Department during the year eighteen hundred and sixty four.

5th See if the Town will alter the tariff of prices for opening, warming & lighting the Town Hall or do any respecting the same —

6th By request of Charles Spalding to see if the Town will pay the expense incurred by him in the burial of Mrs Sarah Bishee

7th See if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Warrant for Selectmen Meeting continued

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of said meeting

William A Stearns, William M Ashley, Oliver J Lane } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford October 28th 1865

Middlesex SS.

Bedford Nov 3d 1865 Pursuant to the direction of the within Warrant I have posted an attested Copy of the same at Each of the places specified nine days before the time of the said meeting

William A Lane, Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest. W A Stearns
Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 7th 1865

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Town met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows,

The Polls were opened by the Selectmen for State & County Officers,

The votes were received, sorted, and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and public declaration made thereof in Open Town Meeting which were as follows —

For Governor

Alexander H. Bullock of Worcester sixty four votes (64)
Davies K. Couch of Taunton twenty two votes (22)

For Lieut. Governor

William Claflin of Newton sixty three votes (63)
Chester W Chapin of Springfield twenty two votes (22)

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Oliver Warner of Northampton sixty six votes (66)

For Treasurer & Receiver General

Jacob H. Ford of Plymouth sixty six votes (66)

For Auditor

Henry S. Briggs of Pittsfield sixty six votes (66)

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1865

For Attorney General
Chester P. Reed of Taunton sixty six votes (66)
For Councillor, District No 3
Thomas Talbot of Billerica sixty three votes (63)
For Sheriff
Charles Kimball of Lowell sixty seven votes (67)
For District Attorney
Isaac F. Morse of Cambridge sixty six votes (66)
For Register of Deeds, Middlesex Southern Dis.
Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge sixty six votes (66)
For County Commissioner
Edward F Collins of Newton sixty six votes
For Special Commissioners
William W. Edgarton of Shirley sixty six votes (66)
William Hastings of Framingham sixty six votes (66)
For Commissioners of Insolvency
Henry Baldwin of Brighton sixty six votes (66)
Theodore C. Hurd of Framingham sixty six votes (66)
Andrew F Jewett of Lowell sixty six votes (66)
For Senator, District No 6
John Hill of Stoneham sixty six votes (66)
For Representative to General Court
for eighteenth Dis,
John W. Hudson of Lexington forty nine votes (49)
William Winn of Burlington forty five votes (45)

Town Affairs

Article 1st Chose Samuel Sage Moderator

" 2d Voted to leave it optional with the school Committee

" 3d Voted to procure fifty feet of Hose for the Fire Engine
Chose Isaac P. Bacon, George Simonds & Charles A. Coney
a Committee to purchase the Hose

Town Meeting continued

article 4th Voted that the money be raised next May with the other taxes, and not to be paid until collected

" 5th Voted to increase the tariff of prices for opening warming & Lighting Town Hall twenty five per cent

" 6th Voted that the Town pay Charles Spalding the expense incurred by him in the burial of Mrs Sarah Bishee

" 7th Voted to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen which were as follows Viz:

Jerome A. Bacon	Edward Merritt
Luman Cole	William Parker
Fairfield R. Davis	Hannibal Pond
Hiram L. Dutton	Charles Spalding
William Farrell	Eldridge W. Stearns
William F. Frost	William O. Willi
	Charles L. Wait

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1866

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at 9 Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz:

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1866

1st Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2d " All necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

3d Raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4th Raise Money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

5th See what method the Town will take to repair the roads and bridges.

6th Raise Money to repair the roads & bridges

7th To see if the Town will raise money, or make any appropriation for the purpose of paying any part of the Town debt, or the interest accruing thereon.

8th See if the Town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

9th To see if the Town will restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common grounds and highways the year ensuing.

10th See if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to defray current expenses, or pay any portion of Town debt that may be called for.

11th See if the Town will make any alteration in the manner of letting the Town Hall, or do any thing respecting the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting continued

12th To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed at the last November Meeting relating to the fourth article in the warrant for said Meeting.

13th By request of Lyman Cole to see if the Town will raise a sum of money by taxation, sufficient to pay and refund any money contributed by individuals in aid of, and for the purpose of filling the Quotas, under the call of the President of the United States, on of the War Department during the Year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

William A. Stearns } Selectmen
William M. Ashby } of
Bedford

Bedford Feb 21st 1864

Bedford March 3d 1864

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified

William A. Lane Constable
of Bedford

A true Copy Attest-
William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 5th 1866

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Town met and acted on the Matter contained therein as follows

1st Chose Samuel Sage Moderator

2d " William H. Evans Clerk - sworn

" Marcus B. Webber
" Fairfield R. Davis } Selectmen "
" John T. Boynton

" Henry Wood
" Samuel Sage } Assessors "
" Calvin Nourse

Voted to omit the choice of Overseers of the Poor

Chose P.W. Chamberlin } Treasurer sworn

" William A. Lane } Constables "
" Charles Smith

" George Simonds } School Com.

" David Constantine } Collector of Taxes

" Joseph H. Goodwin } Pound Keeper

" P.W. Chamberlin
Charles Spalding } Cemetery Com.
Joseph H. Goodwin

" Charles Spalding } Funeral Undertaker

" William M. Ashby
" William A. Lane } Fence Viewers sworn
" Charles T. Peirce

Chase William M. Ashby } Surveyors
" Samuel Sage } of Lumber Sworn

" Marcus B. Webber }
" William A. Lane }
" William M. Ashby } Surveyors
" Jonas Monroe } of Wood & Bark Sworn
" Samuel Sage }
" Charles A. Corey }

" Eben Boyden Ellridge W. Stearns } Fence
" William M. Ashby William O Wills } Viewers
" William A Lane Jonas E. Monroe } Sworn

"
" Surveyors of Highways
" Henry Wood Dis. No 1 William Clark No. 6
" Ellridge W. Stearns " 2 William A Lane " 7
" Calvin Nourse " 3 William J. Stoddard " 8
" Royal Peirce " 4 Isaac E. Filch " 9
" Eleazer P. Davis " 5 D. Mc. Richards " 10
" George H. Smith " 11
All Sworn

Fire Wards

Voted that the Fire Wards chosen last year be reelected, The following is the list

George Simonds } Centre William A. Lane } North
William A. Putnam } William W. Savage } South
Charles A. Corey } Isaac E Filch } East
Benj. J Davis } West

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock reelected, the following is the list

Thaddeus H. Davis }
Benj. J. Davis } Appraisers
Benj. L Hartwell }

Bacon, Meeting continued

Chose Lewis P. Gleason Jr } Auctioneers
" Amos B. Cutler }

Article 3 Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

" 4th Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars for the support of schools.

5th " Voted that a money tax be raised for the repairs of roads & bridges, And that it be apportioned among the several Districts, by the Assessors.

It was further voted to divide the Town into eleven Surveyors Districts as follows viz:

District No. 1.

Commencing on the main road opposite Mrs Wilders, thence running to Lexington line, also the road leading by the William Paye place so called to Lexington line - Also from the main road near the Shamsheen, by the Cemetery to the main road, near the House of Nathan Fitch.

District No. 2

Commencing opposite the House of Mrs Wilder, thence running on the main road to the Centre of Carlisle Bridge, also including the road around the Common ground.

District No. 3.

Commencing Opposite the House of Mrs Reuben Bacon thence running to the House of Jonas Putnam.

District No. 4.

Commencing at the junction of the road near Elm Brook, thence running to Lexington line, including all the roads & bridges in the South District not before mentioned.

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District-No.5-

Commencing opposite the Black Smith Shop owned by Samuel Sage thence running to Concord line.

District-No.6

Commencing at the junction of the road near the House of Lewis Johnson thence running to the House of Benj. J. Davis, and thence to the Concord road.

District-No.7

Commencing at the junction of the road near the House of Jane Smith, thence running to Billerica line, including the Chelmsford road to the Billerica line, also including the road from Levi Baileys to Moses T. Browns.

District-No.8

Commencing at the junction of the road north of T. H. Davis's thence running to Billerica line near Hobbs mill.

District-No.9

Commencing near the House of Mrs Jones thence running to Billerica line, including the road from Cyrus Page's to Moses T. Browns, also including all the roads in the East-District-West of the Shawsheen river.

District-No.10

Commencing at the junction of the road near the Cemetery thence running to Burlington line, including all the roads in the East-Dis, Except the Cemetery road, East of the Shawsheen river.

District-No.11

Commencing at the junction of the road near the House of Mrs Wilder, thence running on Spring St to Billerica line

March Meeting continued

Article 6 Voted to raise eight hundred dollars ($800.) to repair the roads & bridges the year ensuing.

" 7th

" Voted to pay twelve hundred & fifty dollars of the Town Debt out of the Surplus money now in the Treasury. Voted to raise three hundred & fifty dollars to pay interest on Town Debt.

" 8th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a Bell.

" 9th Voted to restrain neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the Common grounds & High ways.

" 10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to defray current expenses, or pay any portion of Town Debt that may be called for.

" 11 Voted that the Hall shall not be let for the purpose of amusement, more than two weeks previous to the time for which it is applied for, and not more than one night or day to the same parties at any one time, except by the Special permit of the Selectmen.

" 12 Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last November Meeting relating to the fourth article in the Warrant for said Meeting.

" 13 Voted that the Town do pay the sum of twelve hundred & eighty nine dollars, sixty seven cents, being the amount of money furnished by individuals to the Chairman of the Selectmen and by him expended in filling the Quotas of the Town of Bedford for the year eighteen hundred and sixty four, as called for by the President of the United States and from the War Department.

Voted that this money be refunded to individuals subscribing the same on or before the first day of May eighteen hundred & sixty seven

March Meeting continued

Chose William H. Ashby, Henry Wood, William A Lane } a Committee to receive and refund the money to Subscribers

Voted to pay thirty one Dollars for the collection of taxes the present year,

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same way and manner as last year which is as follows

Manner of Collecting Taxes

One half on the first Monday in October, with twelve days grace, the remainder on the first Monday in February eighteen hundred sixty-seven, with twelve days grace, Single Polls payable on demand, If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax may be demanded & collected, and all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the Town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent, and the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the Town or County Treasurer within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submitted their report on the expenses of the town the past year, read, accepted & ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks Office

Selectmen presented their report on the Legion Agency, read, accepted & ordered on file

Selectmen made a report on Liquor Boards which was read, accepted & ordered to be placed on file

Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the Town which was disposed of in the same manner

March Meeting Continued

The Cemetery Committee presented their report which was accepted and ordered on file

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest W. A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Record of Nov. Meeting Nov. 6, 1861

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the qualified voters of said Bedford to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the sixth day of November next at one o'clock P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened, to bring in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Councillors, Senators and Representatives, Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner, Attorney General, Auditor, Representative in Congress, County Commissioner, and County Treasurer, all on one ballot — Also a representative to the General Court for the [illegible] Representative District, and also the following Town Officers viz:

To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To see if the Town will censure the Selectmen ... the Fixtures and Furniture belonging to the ... on do any thing relating thereto.

3d By request of Reuben Bacon and forty others ... at last March meeting, whereby the Town voted ... sum was paid by them to the Chairman of the Selectmen for the purpose of filling the vacancies of the Town of Bedford for the year 1864.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen

And you are directed to serve ... at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands at Bedford this 26th day of Nov. A.D. 1866

Middlesex ss.

Returned by posting a copy of the same at each of the places ... Bedford Nov 6th 1866. W. A. Lane Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting Nov 6th 1866

At the Close

[illegible]

[illegible] the foregoing Warrant and notice by Selectmen given and acted on the matters contained in said Warrant as follows.

The Selectmen Opened the Polls for State and County Officers in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, the Votes were received, sorted, and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and public declaration made thereof in open Town Meeting and were for the following persons Viz!

For Governor

For [illegible] (101 Votes)

For [illegible] (4)

For Lieut Governor

For William [illegible] (101)

For [illegible] (24)

For Sec of the Commonwealth

For [illegible] (101)

For [illegible] (24)

For Treasurer & Receiver General

For [illegible] (101)

For [illegible] (24)

For Auditor

For [illegible] (98)

For [illegible] (27)

For Attorney General

For [illegible] (98)

For [illegible] (27)

For Clerk of Courts

For Benjamin F. Hall of Winchester one hundred and one votes (101)

For Commissioner

For [illegible] (101)

Town Meeting Continued Nov 6th 1866

[illegible]

For George L. Bowditch of Groton one hundred one votes (101)
For Everett Sallonstall of Newton twenty four votes (24)

[illegible] General

For Charles F. Choate of Lowell one hundred one votes (101)
For William C. Endicott of Salem twenty four votes (24)

Auditor

For Henry L. Briggs of Pittsfield one hundred one votes (101)
For Arthur F. Devereaux of Roxbury twenty four votes (24)

Representative to General Court, County

Middlesex District - No 21 -

For William A. Stearns of Berlin [illegible] (157)
For Freeborn F. Raymond of Lexington [illegible] (165)

[illegible]

Article 1st Chose Samuel Saye Moderator

(2d) [illegible] the Town Hall building with its fixtures & furniture belonging to [illegible] also the Town Buildings [illegible] Dollars, On the Town Farm Buildings [illegible] the last policy, Chose William M Ashley and Samuel Saye a committee for that purpose.

3 Moved by Reuben Bacon that the town [illegible] passed at last March Meeting whereby the town voted to pay the sum of twelve hundred eighty nine dollars & 67/100 to the individuals subscribing the same, in aid of, or for the purposes of [illegible] the year 1864 & that the yeas & nays be taken on the question

Town Meeting Continued Nov 6th 1866

[illegible]

Elijah Dean, Lucius Dean, [illegible]
Eli Bailey, Thomas C. Cutler, George [illegible]
[illegible], Chas. F. Davis, Benjamin F. Davis
Samuel Davis, Quincy Dean, Timothy Dean
Michael McDonough, [illegible]
Robert M. Edwards, William A. Foster, [illegible]
C. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] S. Gleason Jr, Francis Gaffney, Benjamin
Leslie, [illegible]
Benjamin Hartwell 1st, Joseph Hartwell 2d, Justus
P. [illegible], Elbert C. [illegible]
Joshua Jackson, Charles H. Jones, George A.
[illegible]
Edward White, [illegible]
Charles Hosmer, Cyrus Sage, James [illegible]
Charles F. Stone, Loyal Stone, [illegible]
[illegible], Cornelius Crowley, [illegible]
Lemuel Saunders, William [illegible]
[illegible]

Forty three voted in the negative and the following are the persons, viz:

William M. Tobey,
John Bacon, John Gibson, Henry [illegible]
Asa D. Billings, William A. Bliss, Chas F. Bliss
Lewis B. Bates, Charles C. Corey, James Cole
Daniel Constantine, Eldridge Chaffee
Andrew M. Davis, George Dutton, Simeon
Dutton, Isaac C. Fitch, [illegible] to Hyde,
Fish, Josiah Gragg, [illegible]
[illegible], Edward [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] Hendrick, Orin Jones, Otis
M. Jones, William Allen, George [illegible]
James C. [illegible], [illegible]

Charles Robenson. Hiram Reed. Elijah W. Stearns
Nath[l] P. Watts. Charles L. Wait. William A. Willis.

4th The report of the Committee was accepted and the following are the persons viz:
[illegible]
Lyman Cole, William G. Hartwell
William Farrell, Calvin Noyes
[illegible]
Charles Spalding Hannibal L. Pond
[illegible]
Hiram Clark.

Oliver J. Lane presented the following resolution viz:

Resolved, that the Town
grant the use of the Town Hall to the Monument
for which they may wish to use the same.

Voted to Adjourn.

Attest-William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1867

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,

Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders of said Town qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine o'clock A.M. to act upon the following articles of town affairs Viz;

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To chose all nessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.

4th To raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

5th To see what method the town will take to repair the roads & Bridges for the year ensuing.

6th To raise money to repair the roads & bridges for the year ensuing.

7th To see if the town will raise money, for the purpose of paying any part of the town debt, or the interest accruing thereon,

8th To see if the town will take any measures for the singing of a bell.

9th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle & horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways for the year ensuing.

10th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to defray ordinary charges, or pay any portion of the town debt, that may be called for.

11th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, in said Town, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen
Lewis A. Dow }
John T. Boynton } Bedford

Bedford January 22d 1867.

Bedford Feb. 22d 1867

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the time specified

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford
Alvin Dow }

Attest William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 4th 1867

At a meeting in the foregoing warrant mentioned the Town met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows.

1st Chose Samuel Laye Moderator

2d " William A. Stearns Clerk-Town

[illegible]

2d Ward Moses Bittelle } Sworn
Fairfield P. Davis } Sworn
John T. Boynton } Sworn

" Samuel Sage } Sworn
F. P. Davis } Sworn
T. H. Davis } Sworn

"
" Precincts in Chemistry Sworn

" William A. Lane } Constables
Charles L Wait } Sworn

" Charles Robinson School Committee

" Moses B. Webber Collector of Taxes

" William A. Putnam Powder Keeper

" Pitt Chamberlin } Cemetery
Moses Spalding } Committee
Joseph P. Goodwin }

" Charles Spalding Funeral Undertaker

" Moses B. Webber
William A. Lane } Fence Viewers
Charles L. Paine } Sworn

"
" William H. Ashley } Surveyors of Lumber
Samuel Sage } Sworn

" Wm. B. Webber } Sworn Measurers
W. H. Lane } of Lime
Wm. H. Ashley } Samuel Sage
Surveyors of Wood & bark } Charles A. Covey

Town Meeting - March 4th 1867

Eben Bowden
Moses Page
Wm A. Lane } Fieldsmen sworn
Edwin H. Adams sworn
William O. Willis sworn
Jonas E. Monroe sworn

Surveyors of Highways

Dis. No 1 Charles L Wells & Nelson Benjamin } sworn
" 2 Jesse C Adams sworn } " & Jane "
" 3 John T. Boynton sworn & William J. Stoddard "
" 4 William W. Hussey sworn & Joseph Skinner "
" 5 George Lane sworn & D. M. Richards "
No 11 Joseph Hanson

" Isaac P. Davis } sworn
" Wm J. Lane } Surveyors

Voted that the fine annually sworn be collected the following is the list

George Simonds
William H. Pinson } Wm Chadbourne North-
Charles A. Lovey } Wm H. Hussey South-
Isaac E Folch East-
Benjamin F Davis West-

Voted that the Appraisers of Town Farm shall be chosen last-year be reelected. The following is the list-

Thadeus H. Davis
Benjamin F Davis } Appraisers
Benjamin F. Hanson

Davis & Hanson to have the same compensation as last year

Voted to have the same compensation as last year as the Assessors. Voted to have the meeting

[illegible]

[illegible] Resolved that a sum of money be raised for the purpose of repairing roads & bridges in the several districts in the township during the ensuing year

" 5th Voted that a money tax be raised for the repairing roads & bridges, and that the same be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of the inhabitants, residents, & non-residents, as other town taxes are assessed; and the same shall be collected as other town taxes are collected; and that it be apportioned among the several districts by the assessors & and also as last year to divide the town into eleven surveyors districts as follows

District No 1 Commencing on the main road opposite Mrs Wilders, thence running to Lexington line, also the road leading by the William Page place so called, to Lexington line - also from the main road near the Jonathan Ly by the Cemetery, to the main road near the house of Martin Flint

District No 2 Commencing opposite the house of Mrs Wilder thence running on the main road to the centre of Concord bridge - also including the road around the common ground.

Dist. No 3 Commencing opposite the house of Mrs Lemuel Brown thence running to the [illegible] [illegible]

Dist No 4 Commencing at the [illegible] road near Elias Brooks thence running to Lexington line, including all the inhabitants in the said District on the [illegible]

" 5 Commencing opposite the Black Smith shop owned by Simeon Page, thence running to Concord line

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Dis. No 6 Commencing at the junction of the road near the house formerly occupied by Levi Johnson, thence running to the house of Benj J Davis, near the Canada road.

" 7 Commencing at the junction of the road near the house of Jane Smith, thence [illegible] road to Billerica line - also including the road from [illegible]

" 8 Commencing at the [illegible] of the road near the house of J. H. Davis, thence running to Billerica line near the mill formerly owned by [illegible]

" 9 Commencing near the house of Mr Jones, thence running to Billerica line, including the road from Cyrus Payes to Moses F. Browns, also including all the roads in the east district, west of the Shawsheen river.

" 10 Commencing at the junction of the road [illegible] thence running to Burlington line, including all the roads in the East district, (except the Kennedy road) east of the Shawsheen river.

" 11 Commencing at the [illegible] the house of the Billerica line running in Spring St, to Billerica line.

Article 6 Voted to raise one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the support of the roads and bridges the ensuing year. Also one hundred dollars ($100) for plank in Carlisle bridge.

" 7 Voted to raise three hundred and fifty dollars ($350) for the [illegible]

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell

" 9 Voted to restrain neat-Cattle & Horses from running at-large on the common grounds & highways this year ensuing.

" 10 Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, & to give notes therefor, & on pay any portion of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11 Voted that the Taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, which is as follows

Manner of Collecting Taxes

One half on the first Monday of October with nine days grace, the remainder on the first Monday in February eight months and sixty days with three days grace, & if the bills are not paid on demand, & the payments are not made promptly, the whole may be demanded & collected and all persons who pay their taxes previously with the above vote of the town, shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent, and the Treasurer shall make a due reduction to the Selectmen on the amount paid in to the town, or County Treasurer within two days after the expiration of the time of grace, upon the settlement with the Collector -

Voted to pay thirty dollars (30.) for collecting the taxes the present year -

Voted that the bill as reported in the papers of the town, read and accepted, and ordered to be placed on file in the Clerks office -

Town Meeting Adjourned

Selectmen reported in the matter of the conduction of the Liquor Agency, owing to the sickness of the Agent -

The report was accepted & they were directed to report at some future time when it would be convenient for both parties -

Selectmen made their annual report as Licensing Boards, the report was accepted, and ordered on file -

Shawsheen Cemetery Committee made their report which is accepted and ordered on file

Selectmen - Overseers of the Poor made their report, accepted, and ordered on file

Treasurer made a report in relation to Taxes unpaid upon the Treasury, the report was accepted and ordered on file -

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest

William A Hennessy Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 25th 1876

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn

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of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 25th inst, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz:

1st Art. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2d To see if the Town will take any measures to defend the suit brought against them by Lyman Cobb, or do any thing respecting the same

" 3d To see if the Town will transfer the appropriation of 200 dollars to repair the Mill Dam at the Town Farm made at a meeting held March 7th 1864, and appropriate the same to pay for repairs on roads & such public buildings, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 4th To see if the Town will alter the present rate of prices on Common Lots, or do any thing respecting the same.

" 5th To request of Samuel Pace to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to build an Alter in the Cemetery or do any thing respecting the same

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting Attested copies thereof at the Post-Office and at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to the Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Fairfield this 16th day of March A.D. 1867

Thomas B. Potter, Selectmen
Fairfield
Wm T. Boynton, } of
Bedford, March 16th 1867

Town Meeting March 25th 1867.

Middlesex SS.

Bedford March 16th 1867

[illegible] the within warrant - the foregoing attested Copies of the within warrant as therein directed.

[illegible] Constable B[illegible]

A true Copy Attest- William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

[illegible]

" 2d On motion of P. W. Chamberlin it was voted that the town chose a committee of three persons with full power to consult and employ counsel and defend the suit commenced by [illegible] and report progress if they may consider the interest of the town requires it, and that the Selectmen be hereby authorized to draw orders upon any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the Expenses incurred.

Chose P. W. Chamberlin, Marcus B. Webber, and Samuel Saye, a committee for that purpose.

" 3 Voted that the appropriation of [illegible] dollars made at a meeting of the town held March 7th 1864 to improve the landings at the town farm be left at the disposal of the Selectmen, to be in [illegible] appropriation for [illegible] public landings [illegible] such manner and [illegible] as may in their judgment [illegible]

Town Meeting March 25th 1867

Article 4th Voted that the Cemetery Committee P.H. Crosby Joseph H. Gooding and Chas Spalding be authorized and requested to lay out such additional lots in the cemetery as they may deem necessary to meet the wants of the town, and that they be authorized to dispose of the same together with such lots as now remain unsold at the following rates $2,00: $5,00: $10,00: $15,00 according to the situation of said lots; and that such prices be hereafter charged by the Trustees of the town of Bedford, and that one hundred per cent may be charged to all non payers

Voted that Samuel Sage and George Simonds be added to the Cemetery Committee for this purpose.

" 5th To see what sum appropriation are [illegible] dollars for the same raised for ordering of, and to build an Arbor in the Cemetery, and that George Simonds, Eldridge M. Stearns, & Albert Burnham be a committee to build the same.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest-William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Resignation of Town Treasurer June 4th 1869.

Bedford June 4th 1869.

To the Selectmen of Bedford.

Gentlemen

I hereby resign the Office of Town Treasurer

Phineas W. Chamberlin.

Bedford June 4th 1869.

This is to certify that we have this day appointed Thomas Tiles Treasurer pro tempore of the Town of Bedford as provided in the revised Statutes; to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Phineas W. Chamberlin.

Marcus B. Webber
John F. Boynton
} Selectmen
Bedford

A true Copy of the resignation and of the Appointment.

Attest: William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Bedford June 5th 1869.

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct. 2d 1826

Medway ss.

To [illegible] Constable of the
Town of Medfield.

Greeting.

In the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required
to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town
qualified by law to vote in elections
[illegible]
to meet at the Town House in said Medfield
on Monday the fifth day of October next at nine
o'clock, P.M. at which time the Polls will be opened,
to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Town
Clerk and Town Council, Treasurer,
and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Surveyors
of Highways, Tythingmen, Hog reeves, Fence viewers,
Sealers of Leather, Sealer of Weights and Measures,
Pound Keepers for the Middle Pound, Pound Keeper
for the North Pound, Pound Keeper for the South Pound,
Commissioner of Insolvency (to fill a vacancy in said
office caused by the resignation of [illegible]
duly chosen thereto) all on one ballot;

Also for a Representative to the General Court
for the Eighty first representative district on a separate
ballot;

Also to act on the following articles of
Town affairs viz:-

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 By request of Henry Deshares and others to see
if the Town will choose a Selectman to fill a
vacancy in said office caused by the death of
Enoch R. Davis, duly chosen thereto, and
to see if the Town will choose in said office caused
by the resignation of S. H. Chamberlin or do any
thing respecting the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting continued

as presented by the Selectmen

of this warrant with their doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of said meeting

Bedford October 25th 1876.

Middlesex ss.

This certifies that I have served this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified

Wm A Lane } Constable of Bedford

A true copy.

Attest - William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1867

For Governor

For William Claflin, of Newton one hundred & nine votes (109)

For Lieut Governor

For William Claflin, of Newton one hundred & nine votes (109)

Secretary of the Commonwealth

For Harvey Arnold of Adams thirty nine votes (39)

Auditor

For Henry S. Briggs of Pittsfield one hundred & nine votes (109)

Attorney General

For Chas. S. Knapp of Somerville seventy six votes (76)

Councillor for the Middle District

For Henry H. Hunnewell of Wilmington one hundred & eight votes (108)

C. Faulkner of Weston thirty nine votes (39)

Register of Deeds

Nathaniel Reed of Lexington seventy five votes (75)

Oliver J. Lane a Selectman to fill a vacancy

Voted Unanimously

A true record Attest William N. Stearns

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2d 1868

Dec 3 1867

Dear Sir This is to certify that at a meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee called to fill the vacancy in the School [illegible] caused from town by Amanda Robinson, John O. Bacon was elected to fill said [illegible]

A true copy of Certificate
Attest - William A. Sleeper

Warrant for Town Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 2 day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, to know agreed, viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2d To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3d To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the necessary charges of the town for the year ensuing.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

" 6th To raise money to repair the bridges the ensuing year.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money now in the treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest upon the town debt.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt, and make the necessary provision.

" 11th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common ground during the ensuing year.

13th By request of Jesse E Farnsworth to see if the town will purchase a stone crusher or do any thing respecting the same.

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[illegible] you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and [illegible] Post-Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

[illegible] fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time of said meeting.

Given under [illegible] hands and seals this [illegible] day of February A.D. 1868.

Warren D. Wallace
[illegible]
John W. Boynton } Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 22 1868.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified.

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

A true Copy,
Attest William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 2d 1868

[illegible]

Article 1st Chose Oliver L. Lane Moderator

2d " William A. Stearns Clerk Sworn

[illegible]
[illegible] Boynton } Selectmen of Bedford

Town Meeting March 2d 1868 Continued

[illegible] Thaddeus N. Davis
Jonas E. Monroe } [illegible]

" Isaac P. Bacon } Treasurer sworn

" Charles L. Wait-
Jesse E. Farnsworth } Constables sworn

" Samuel Saye
" Nath[l] P. Watts } School Committee

" Marcus B. Webber } Collector of Taxes sworn

" Charles O. Gragg } Pound Keeper

" [illegible]
Charles Spalding
George Simonds } [illegible]

" [illegible] } [illegible]

" William A. Lane
George Simonds
[illegible] } Fence Viewers sworn

" [illegible]
Samuel Saye
[illegible] } Surveyors of Lumber sworn

" Marcus B. Webber
William A. Lane
[illegible]
Jonas Monroe
Samuel Saye
Charles A. Corey
[illegible] } [illegible]

Town Meeting March 2d 1868

[illegible]

Joseph H. Goodhue
William A. Willis
Jonas E. Monroe

" Isaac P. Bacon } Surveyors
Oliver J. Lane } of Shingles

[illegible]

Hiram Clark " 3 Isaac E. Fitch 9
Henry Bacon " 4 Amos Hunnewell 10
[illegible]
William Clark " 6 Samuel Sage 12

Five Wards

George Simonds
William A. Putnam Centre } William J. Lane
William Woodridge South
Isaac E. Fitch
Benj. J. Davis West

[illegible]

Auditors

[illegible]

" 42 Voted to raise Thirteen Hundred dollars for the support of Schools

Town Meeting, March 2d 1868 Continued

polls & Estates of the inhabitants, residents & non residents as
other town charges are assessed & Also to divide the

William Page place so called to Lexington

ne, Also including the road & the common groun

Pettingells.
District-No 3 Commencing opposite the house of Mrs
owned by Jonas Putnam,
District-No 4 Commencing at the junction of the road

before mentioned.

Concord line,
District-No 6 Commencing at the junction of the
road near the house of Wm Pettingell, thence running
to the house of B. J. Davis, and thence to the Concord
road,
District-No 7, Commencing at the junction of the road
near the house of Jane Smith, thence running to
the Billerica line, Also including the road from

of the Shawsheen river, including the Middlesex
turnpike east of the river.

Dis. No 10

Commencing at the junction of the road
near the house of Nathan Tidd thence running to
to Burlington line, including all the roads in the
East District, east of the Shawsheen river not before
mentioned.

Dis. No 11

running on Spring St. to Billerica line.

Dis. No 12.

Includes all the wooden bridges
supported by the town.

deem best.

Voted to raise three hundred dollars
interest on town debt.

Surety for the payable on demand,

March meeting Continued, 1868

Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor made their

Selectmen made their annual report on
Guide Boards, disposed of in the same manner.

Also a report on the Lignum Agency which was
read, accepted, and ordered on file.

report, accepted and ordered on file.

to lay out additional lots & to re appraise remaining
on file, a Copy of which may be found in the Book
containing the records of Shawsheen Cemetery.

A true record Attest

Town Meeting
5/68

Middlesex SS,

To either of the Constables of the Town
of Billerica, Greeting,

In the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of said Town qualified by law
to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet
at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the
3 day of November next at half past 6 P.M.
at which time the polls will be opened to give in
their votes to be Electors for Electors
for President & Vice President, for Governor

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and Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth
& Council for District No 6, & Secretary
Treasurer & Auditor General, Auditor of
Accounts, Attorney General, Senator for District
No 6, District Attorney, Sheriff for Middlesex
County, Commissioners of Insolvency, Clerk
County Commissioners & Special County Commissioners
Representative in the Congress of the United States
for District No 6, also one Member
& Representative to the General Court for Bedford
No 2 on a seperate ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of
Town Affairs. Viz,

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2 To see if the town will accept of a list of
Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

To act on the choice of [illegible]
[illegible] at the Town House in said Bedford
[illegible] the Post Office in said Bedford
[illegible] said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the
Constable on or before the time of said meeting.

Warren P. Hosmer)
John T. Hopkinton) Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane)
of Bedford

Bedford Oct. 24th 1868

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served this warrant by
posting attested copies of the same at each of the two
specified.

[illegible] Constable of Bedford

A true Copy

Attest W. A Hastings Town Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Selectmen opened the polls for Election of State & County Officers in accordance with the foregoing warrant, the votes were received, sorted & counted by the Selectmen & public declaration made of the persons, viz;

Elections for President & Vice President

Electors at Large

For [illegible] (116)
" [illegible] (116)
" Josiah G. Abbott of Boston Thirty two votes (32)
" [illegible] (32)

Election for District No. 1

For [illegible] (1)
" Josiah T. Jones of Sandwich Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 2

For William Mason of Taunton One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" Samuel B. Thatcher of Abington Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 3

For [illegible] (1)
" [illegible] (32)

Election for District No. 4

For [illegible] (116)
" [illegible] (32)

Nov 3 1868

Election for District No. 5

For James M. Crapo of Dighton One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" Jonathan Kingsley of Freetown Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 6

For George Russell of Braintree One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" John K. Tarbox of Lawrence Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 7

For Henry Edmunds of Lowell One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" William F. Salmon of Lowell Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 8

For [illegible] of Worcester One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" Levi Barker of Worcester Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 9

For [illegible] of Boston One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" Otis Hale of Holbardston Thirty two votes (32)

Election for District No. 10

For William B. Washburn of Easton One Hundred & Sixteen votes (116)
" Henry H. King of [illegible] Thirty two votes (32)

For Governor of the Commonwealth

For William Claflin of Newton One Hundred & Eighteen votes (1108)
" John Quincy Adams of Quincy Forty votes (40)

Lieutenant Governor

For Joseph [illegible] of Boston One Hundred & Five votes (105)
" Marcus Morton of Taunton Forty votes (40)

Secretary

For Oliver Warner of Northampton One Hundred & Eight votes (108)
" Francis Bridgeman of Barre Forty one votes (41)

[illegible]

[illegible] Forty one votes (41)

Auditor

For Henry J. Briggs of Pittsfield One Hundred & eight votes (108)
" Arth[illegible] Forty one votes (41)

Attorney General

For Solomon Wood of Boston One Hundred & Eight votes (108)
" William C Endicott of Salem Forty one votes (41)

Councillor for 6th District

For Thomas Talbot of Billerica One Hundred & Seven votes (107)
" Oren S. Knapp of Somerville Forty one votes (41)

[illegible]

[illegible] (41)

[illegible]

[illegible]
" Samuel Lawrence of Lowell Forty one votes (41)

District Attorney

[illegible]
" J. P. Converse of Woburn Forty one votes (41)

Commissioner of Insolvency

[illegible]
" William B. Gale of Malborough One Hundred & eight votes (108)
[illegible] (41)
[illegible] (41)
[illegible] (41)

Ann Meeting Continued - Nov 3 1868

Governor & Lieut Governor

For Joseph H. Ayer of Lexington One Hundred & eight votes (108)
" Jane A. Stickney of Charlestown Forty one votes (41)

Member of Executive Council

For Edward F. Collins of Newton One Hundred & eight votes (108)
" Benjamin Adams of Somerville Forty one votes (41)

Special County Commissioners

For William F. Ellis of Ashland One Hundred & Eight votes (108)
" Samuel Hayes of Framingham One Hundred & Eight votes (108)
" John H. Dike of Stoneham Forty one votes (41)
" Eugene M. Baxter of Waltham Forty one votes (41)

Representative to Congress

For George F. Hoar of Concord One Hundred & Eight votes (108)
" Lorin Collamer of Natick Forty one votes (41)

Representative to General Court, District 19,21

For Samuel Reed of Framingham Eighty three votes (83)
" Charles D. Dickey of Natick Sixty seven votes (67)

Town Affairs

Article 1st Chose Oliver F. Lane Moderator

" 2 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen, the following is the list -

William H. Ashley, David Constantine
" " Jr. " " 2d
William H. Lane George Simonds
" " Pond Elbridge W. Stearns
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Town Meeting Continued 4th Day

The Committee chosen at March Meeting to investigate in relation to a Stone Crusher and Steam Roller reported at meeting made some statements in regard to the working of the Machine - its probable expense,

Voted that the town they were instructed to correspond with the authorities of Lexington, to see if they can procure a Machine, suitable for the use of both towns at a cost not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars & report at March meeting. Samuel Lane was by a vote of the town added to that Committee,

Voted to adjourn

Attest

H. A. Hearn Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting
March 1st 1869

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford

Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Elections & in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 1st day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the town will choose town officers for the ensuing

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[illegible] Town Meeting to act on any thing
[illegible] year ensuing.

" 4th To raise money for the support of Schools
the ensuing year.

" 5th To see what method the town will take
to repair the Roads & Bridges the year ensuing.

" 6th To raise money to repair the Roads & Bridges
the year ensuing.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by Taxation
or appropriate any money now in the Treas.
to pay any part of the Town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest on the Town debt

" 9th To designate the time and manner of
collecting Taxes the year ensuing.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer
to borrow money in anticipation of the payment
of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any
part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th To see if the town will take any measures for
the lighting of a Hall.

" 12th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle & horses
from running at large in the Common [illegible] &
highways the ensuing year.

" 13th To hear the report of the committee chosen by the town
to take into consideration the purchase of a Town House
and act thereon.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1869 continued

Article 14th By request of Albert Bacon to see if the town will [illegible] and plowing the common once a year [illegible] walks across the common grounds & choose a committee to carry the same into effect;

" 15th To see if the town will take any action in relation to the raising of the [illegible] and act thereon in any thing relating thereto;

" 16th To see if the town will make a special appropriation for the purpose of [illegible] or do any thing relating to the same;

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall & at the Post Office, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting;

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

[illegible]
John T. Boynton } of
[illegible] } Bedford

Bedford Feb 19th 1869.

Middlesex ss.

By virtue of the within warrant I have this day posted the copies of the same as within directed.

C. L. Hall Constable of Bedford

Bedford [illegible] 1869.

A true copy

Attest: William A Stearns

Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 1st 1869.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant & notice the inhabitants of said town met & acted on the matters contained therein as follows,

Article 1st Chose Samuel Sage Moderator

" 2 " William A. Stearns Clerk (sworn)

" Wm B. Weller, John S. Eglestone, Chas A. Lane } selectmen (sworn) — Isaac P. Bacon, Thaddeus M. Davis, James E. Monroe } Assessors sworn

Voted to omit choosing Overseers of poor

" Isaac P. Bacon } Treasurer sworn — William A. Lane, Elbridge W. Stearns } Constables sworn

" Charles F. Hill School Com. Samuel Sage resigned his office of School Committee, Chas A. Lane was chosen to fill the vacancy

Chose Thomas B. Weller } Collector of Taxes (sworn) — Charles P. Gragg } Pound Keeper sworn

" [illegible] } Fence Viewers (sworn), George Simonds } Undertakers

" Lyman Cole

" William A. Lane, " George Simonds, " Wm B. Weller } Fence Viewers (sworn) — William M. Ashby, Samuel Sage, William A. Lane } Surveyors of Lumber sworn

" Thomas B. Weller, James E. Monroe, Samuel Sage, " William A. Lane, Charles A. Gragg, Thomas Stiles, " Isaac P. Bacon } Inspectors of Wood & Bark (Sworn)

Town Meeting March 1, 1875 Continued

Chose Chairman, Lucius Tuttle, Clerk, and B. F. Lane
" Lucius H. Goodwin, Moses Bacon, Silas A. Thomas,
" Joseph Shinen, Field Drivers (Sworn)

" Surveyors of Shingles.
"
" Orrin J. Lane, Albert Bacon (sworn.

Fire Wards

"
" George Shinen } and William A. Lane
" William A. Putnam } William H. George
" Charles A. Lane } Joseph Shinen
Benj. J. Davis

Surveyors of Highways

Dis. No 1 William G. Turner No 7 William A. Lane
" " 2 William Farrell x " 8 William J. Stoddard
" " 3 Hiram Clark " 9 John M. Hammond
" " 4 Henry Bacon " 10 Amos Hunnewell
" " 5 Charles H. Clark " 11 Constantine Hill x
" " 6 Benjamin J Davis " 12 Elbridge W. Stearns

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock

Chose Selectmen H. Davis, Benj. J. Davis, Benj. F. Hamlin

Auditors
" Joseph H. Goodwin, Elijah W. Stearns

Voted 3rd To raise twelve hundred dollars ($1200.) to defray the ordinary charges of the town.

" 4th Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars ($1300.) for the support of schools.

Town Meeting March 1st 1869. Continued

Article 5th Voted. To repair the roads & bridges in the same way as last year, dividing the town into twelve surveys as the first as described in the record for March meeting 1868

" 6th Voted, To raise fifteen hundred dollars (1500.) To repair the roads & bridges, three hundred dollars of the same to be laid out under the direction of the selectmen,

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to Examine the bridge & Road near Mr Kendricks and make such repairs as in their judgement is necessary, out of the three hundred dollars, (300,) at their disposal under the direction of the surveyor.

" 7th Voted, To pay five hundred dollars (500,) of the town debt from money now in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, if the Treasurer shall deem it expedient.

" 8th Voted, To raise three hundred dollars (300,) to pay interest on town debt.

" 9th Voted to collect the taxes the same as last year which is as follows;

Manner of Collecting taxes.

One half on the first Monday in October, with twelve days grace, the remainder on the first Monday in Feb. eighteen hundred and seventy, with twelve days grace,

Single polls payable on demand, If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax may be demanded & collected, And all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above [illegible] a deduction [illegible]

And the Treasurer shall make a like

Town Meeting March 7th 1876. Continued.

deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the Town, [illegible] after the expiration of the time of [illegible] settlement with the Collector.

Voted to pay thirty one dollars for the collection of taxes

Article 10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay for [illegible] may be voted for.

" 11th By vote of the town the Selectmen were authorized to contract for the singing of a bell.

" 12th Voted, to restrain Neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the common grounds & highways the year ensuing.

" 13th [illegible] reading the report of the committee, this article, was by a vote of the town, indefinitely postponed.

" 14th Voted to raise one hundred & fifty dollars (150.) by taxation & appropriate the same for the purpose of repairing & painting the Common Fence, and also repair the walk across the Common in Training Field & also open a vestibule in the Town Hall & choose a committee to carry the same into effect.

Chose P. W. Chamberlin, Aaron Marsh and Moses E. Rowe a Com. for the [illegible]

" 15th Voted, that a committee of three be chosen to carry into effect the 15th Article of the warrant; so far as to make all necessary enquiries, and report at a [illegible] meeting to be called by the [illegible]

Town Meeting March 2d 1869 Continued

otherwise, and that this Committee be chosen by ballot.

Chose Isaac F. Bacon, Thaddeus H. Davis
George Simonds, a Committee for that purpose

Article 16th Voted to appropriate two hundred & seventy five dollars (275.) out of money in the Town Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of painting the Town House.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to carry this vote into effect.

Voted, that the sum of thirty five (35.) dollars be drawn from money in the Treasury unappropriated for the purchase of a Coolan, to be placed in the care of the Undertaker, and also that the Town procure a pair of Stools for the support of Coffins.

Treasurer made his report which was read accepted & ordered on file.

Selectmen & Overseers of Poor made their report, & was accepted in the same manner.

Selectmen made their annual report on Guide Boards, - accepted, & ordered on file

Cemetery Committee made their report which was accepted & ordered on file.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record, Attest

William F. Simonds

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, 1862. 69

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boston
Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 2d day of November next at ten o'clock A.M. at which time the polls will be opened, and the polls may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M., to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth, a Councillor for District No 6, a Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Senators for Dis. No 6, Middlesex County, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One County Commissioner, a Representative in the Congress of the United States for Dis. No. 7, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of George S. Boutwell of Groton, all on one ballot.

A Representative to the General Court for Dis. No. 21, on a seperate ballot.

Also to act on the following town affairs viz;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

" 2 To see if the town will accept a list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall & at the Post Office 7 days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Sheriff will make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber
John L. Boynton
Abner L. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Oct. 23d 1869

Middlesex ss.

This certifies that I have served this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the places specified.

William A. Lane Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest

William A. Stearns, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov. 2d 1869.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant & notice the inhabitants of said town met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers in accordance with the foregoing warrant, the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen & public declaration made thereof in open town meeting and were for the following persons viz:

For Governor

For William Claflin of Newton sixty eight votes (68)
" John Quincy Adams of Quincy fifty votes (50)
" Edward H. Chamberlin of Charlestown One vote (1)

A Copy of the Returns of the Election held on the 13th day of November A.D. 1861 for Councillors

Lieut. Governor

For Joseph Dutton of Lenox eight hundred and (800)
" Samuel Lamb of Greenfield Sixty nine votes (69)

Councillor for District No 6

For Jonathan Bullen of Woburn seventy two votes (72)
" C. H. Warren of Chelmsford fifty votes (50)

Secretary

For Oliver Warner of Northampton sixty eight votes (68)
" John A. Lowell of Lawrence fifty votes (50)
" Leonard A. Grover of Lynn One vote (1)

Treasurer

For Jacob H. Loud of Plymouth Sixty eight votes (68)
" E. Aymar of Gardner fifty votes (50)

Attorney General

For Charles Allen of Boston Sixty eight votes (68)
" Phinea Allen of Pittsfield forty nine votes (49)
" Charles Cowley of Lowell One vote (1)

Auditor of Accounts

For Charles Endicott of Canton sixty eight votes (68)
" Josiah L. Abbott of Boston forty nine votes (49)

Senator for the Sixth Middlesex Dist.

For Joseph G. Pollard of Woburn fifty seven votes (57)
" C. E. Thompson of Woburn Six one vote (31)
" Jairus Lincoln of Hopkinton Six one vote (31)

Executive Commissioners

For Leonard Hunt Cress of Tewksbury seventy two votes (72)
" Charles L. Howe of Lowell thirty six votes (36)

Town Meeting Nov. 2d 1869. Continued

Representative in Congress, 7th Dis.
For George M. Brooks of Concord eighty four votes (84.
" Leverett Saltonstall of Newton eight votes (8.

Representative in General Court Dis. No. 21
For William A. Bowen of Lexington seventy votes (70.
" William Kinne of Burlington forty eight votes (48.

Town Officers

1st Voted to choose William B. Hibben Moderator

2d Voted to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen, the following is the list-

Joseph A. Adams
N. J. L. Bass
Charles C. Bowers
Nath[l] C. Cutler
Hiram L. Dutton
Henry Ward
Cyrus Fellows
Josiah Q. Gragg
Obediah P. Johnson
C. P. Pettingill
Thomas Stiles
John Wilkins
Nath[l] P. Watts

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest William A. Reams
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 1870

Middlesex SS.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 7th day of March next at 9 O'clock A.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

" 2d " choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

" 3d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.

" 4th To raise money for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

" 5th To see what method the town will take to repair the roads & bridges the year ensuing.

" 6th To raise money to repair the roads & bridges the year ensuing.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation or appropriate any money now in the treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest on the town debt.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Art- 9th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th To see if the town will restrain Neat Cattle, and Horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways the year ensuing.

" 13th By request of Nath'l C. Cutler to see if the town will purchase a new funeral Hearse or do any thing respecting the same.

" 14th By request of the Selectmen of the town of Carlisle To see if the town will unite with said town of Carlisle to build a stone pier in the middle of the bridge over Concord river.

" 15th To see if the town will alter the appropriation for schools, so as to give the East-School District a larger per cent of the school money.

" 16th To see if the town will take any measures in relation to heating the School rooms in the Centre District with coal, or do any thing respecting the same.

" 17th To see if the town will make a special appropriation for a new building on the town farm for a lobby, & also to repair the house, or do any thing relating to the same

Warrant for a Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Art. 18th By request of E. B. Hosmer & others to see if the town will make any alterations in their highway Districts or do any thing relating to the same.

" 19th To see what measures the town will take in relation to the appropriation of the money obtained from Dog Licenses.

" 20th To see if the town will alter the tariff on letting the Town Hall, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall & at the Post Office, nine days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings to the Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber
John L. Boynton
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 26th 1870

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same, at each of the places mentioned as directed.

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 28th 1870

A true Copy of the Warrant

Attest William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 7th 1870

In accordance with the foregoing warrant & notice the inhabitants of said town met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows Viz:

Art. 1st Chose George Simonds Moderator

" 2d " William A. Stearns Clerk. sworn

" Marcus B. Webber, John T. Boynton, Oliver J Lane } Selectmen sworn

J. P. Bacon, L. H. Davis, O. J. Lane } Assessors

M. E. Rowe, E. P. Davis } Sworn

" William M. Madge, William Parker, Charles H. Clark } Overseers of Poor sworn

William A Stearns } Treasurer Sworn

William A. Lane, James M. Peshee } Constables sworn

Henry Sham to fill a vacancy for 2 years, Nath'l P. Watts for a full term of 3 years } School Committee

Marcus B. Webber Collector of Taxes sworn

Joseph H. Goodwin, George Simonds, Lyman Cole } Sem, Com.

Charles O. Gragg } Pound Keeper

George Simonds } Fun. Undertaker

William A. Lane, George Simonds, Albert Bacon } Fence Viewers sworn

William M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane, Moses Page, Amos B. Cutler } Surveyors of Lumber sworn

Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Marcus B. Webber, William A. Lane, Isaac P. Bacon, Jonas E. Monroe, Charles A. Corey, Jonas Monroe, Thomas Stiles — Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Charles A. Corey, Joseph H. Goodwin, Moses E. Rowe — Fielders

Jonas E. Monroe, Oliver J. Lane, Isaac E. Fitch — Drivers

Joseph Skinner

Oliver J. Lane, Albert Bacon — Surveyors of Shingles

Five Wards

Thomas Stiles, William A. Putnam, Charles A Corey — Centre

William A. Lane — North
William H. Mudge — South
Joseph Skinner — East
Benj. J. Davis — West

Thaddeus H. Davis, Benj. J Davis, Benj. F. Hartwell — Appraisers of Town Farm Stock

Joseph H. Goodwin, Elijah W. Stearns — Auditors

Hiram Clark Surveyor of Highways (sworn

Art. 3d Voted to raise Eighteen hundred dollars (1800.) to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing

" 4th Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars (1300.) for the support of Schools

" 5th Voted to raise a money tax, and place it in the hands of one Man to Expend the same, in repairing the roads and bridges

Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Art. 6th Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars (1300.) to repair the roads, and one hundred dollars (100.) to repair the bridges the ensuing year

" 7th Voted not to appropriate any money to pay town debt.

" 8th Voted to raise three hundred dollars (300.) to pay interest on town debt.

" 9th Voted to collect the taxes in the same way and manner as last year, which is as follows.

Manner of collecting taxes

One half on the first Monday of October with twelve days grace. The remainder on the first Monday in February eighteen hundred & seventy one with twelve days grace. Single polls payable on demand. If the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax may be demanded and collected. And all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent. And the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the town, on County Treasurer within two days after the Expiration of the time of grace, upon the settlement with the Collector.

Voted to pay thirty one dollars (31.) for the collection of taxes.

" 10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current Expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Art. 11th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, & Horses from running at large on the common grounds & Highways the ensuing year.

" 13th Voted to choose a Committee to dispose of the Hearse now in use & purchase a new one at a cost not exceeding six hundred dollars (600.) Chose. And that the money be raised by taxation

Nath'l C. Cutler
P. W. Chamberlin
Thomas Stiles
P. P. Bacon
W. M. Ashby
George Simonds

} Committee for that purpose

" 14th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to confer with the Selectmen of Carlisle in relation to the Carlisle bridge

" 15th Voted that the sum of twenty dollars (20.) be added to the amount Appropriated to the school in the East District & the remainder be divided between the other schools at the same rate per ct as at present.

" 16 Voted to refer the subject matter contained in this article to the School Committee

" 17th Voted to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (250.) for a Lobby at the Town farm.

Also voted to appropriate a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars (150.) to refurnish the house on said farm, both sums to be expended at the discretion of the Overseers of Poor

Town Meeting March 7th 1870, Continued

Art; 18th Voted to lay this Article on the table

" 19th Voted to Appropriate the money received for Dog Licenses for the support of schools.

" 20th This Article was withdrawn

Treasurer made his report on the finances of the town, read, accepted & ordered on file.

Selectmen & Overseers of Poor presented their report & was disposed off in like manner

Selectmen made their report on Guide Boards Accepted & ordered on file

Cemetery Com, read their report; accepted & disposed off in the same manner

Upon Motion. Voted, That the thanks of the inhabitants of Bedford be given to William Winn Esqr Representative of our District in the General Court for his prompt action in relation to the bill for the Lowell Railroad Company to unite their Branch of the Lexington & Arlington Railroad to their main road - Ordered on record & that the Clerk furnish a certified copy of said vote to Capt Symmes Page to be by him presented to William Winn Esqr.

Town Meeting March 7th 1870. Continued

Resolution, relating to a connexion of the Lexington & Arlington Railroad with the Lowell Railroad

Resolved

That the citizens of Bedford are satisfied that the proposed connection of the Lexington & Arlington Railroad with the Boston & Lowell Railroad will have a most favorable effect upon the interests of this town

Resolved, That they earnestly hope that the bill now before the Legislature Authorizing such connexion may be passed -

This resolution was accepted & adopted & ordered to be placed upon the records of the town. - Also that the Clerk furnish a certified copy for the use of the Legislature now in session.

Voted to adjourn.

A true Record

William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 8th 1870

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the 8th day of Nov. next at 1 O'clock P.M. at which time the polls will be opened to bring in their votes to the Selectmen

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 8th 1870 Continued

For a Governor & Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth; a Councillor for Dis. No. 6, a Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Senator for Dis. No 6 in Middlesex County, Auditor of accounts, Atty. General & Representative for Congress for Dis. No. 7. County Treasurer, for Middlesex County, One County Commissioner, and Register of Deeds for the Southern Middlesex District; all on one ballot.

A Representative to the General Court for Dis. No. 21, on a seperate ballot;

Also to act on the following articles of town Affairs Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2d To see if the town will accept of a list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall & at the Post-Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

James B. Hobbs
John T. Boynton
Oliver T. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Oct. 29th 1870

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places required. T. H. Lane Constable of Bedford, Bedford Nov. 8th 1870

A true copy Attest H. A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov. 8th 1870

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of said town met and acted on the subject-matter contained therein as follows

The Selectmen Opened the polls for State & County Officers, the votes were received & sorted and counted by the Selectmen & public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons viz:

Governor

For William Claflin of Newton fifty Eight votes (58)
" John Quincy Adams of Quincy thirty seven votes (37)
" Wendell Phillips of Boston five votes (5)

Lieut Governor

For Joseph Ingalls of Lenox sixty nine votes (69)
" James Whittaway of Springfield thirty seven votes (37)
" Eliphalet Trask of Springfield two votes (2)
" Henry W. Bishop of Lenox two votes (2)

Councillor

For Jonathan B. Winn of Woburn sixty one votes (61)
" Eben H. Warren of Chelmsford thirty seven votes (37)
" Samuel N. Aldrich of Malboro two votes (2)

Secretary

For Oliver Warner of Northampton fifty nine votes (59)
" Luther Stevenson Jr of Hingham thirty seven votes (37)
" George L. Ball of Upton two votes (2)
" Stillman B. Pratt of Randolph two votes (2)

Treasurer

For Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield fifty nine votes (59)
" Levi Heywood of Gardner thirty seven votes (37)
" John F. Bailey of Beverly two votes (2)
" N. W. Stoddard of North Bridgewater two votes (2)

Town Meeting Nov. 8th 1870 Continued

Auditor

For Charles Endicot of Canton fifty nine votes (59)
" Phineas Allen of Pittsfield thirty seven votes (37)
" Lyman W. Daggett of Attleborough two votes (2)
" Edward B. Peabody of Groveland two votes (2)

Attorney General

For Charles Allen of Boston fifty nine votes (59)
" William Wirt Warren of Brighton thirty seven votes (37)
" Whiting Griswold of Greenfield two votes (2)
" Charles Conley of Lowell two votes (2)

Senator

For George P. Elliot of Billerica forty five votes (45)
" Amos Hill of Stoneham fifty three votes (53)

Representative to General Court; Dis. No. 21.

For Humphrey Prescott of Carlisle forty seven votes (47)
" Ebenezer Champney of Carlisle fifty votes (50)

Representative to Congress. Dis No. 7.

For George M. Brooks of Concord sixty two votes (62)
" Seth Adams of Newton thirty seven votes (37)
" J. B. Kimball of Lowell two votes (2)

County Officers

Register of Deeds, Southern Middlesex District

For Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge sixty one votes (61)
" Benjamin F. Brown of Waltham thirty seven votes (37)

Treasurer

For Amos Stone of Charlestown fifty nine votes (59)
" William W. Pierce of Charlestown thirty seven votes (37)
" George F. Clark of Stow two votes (2)

Town Meeting ... Nov. 8th 1870 - Continued

County Commissioner

Jon Joseph H. Waitt of Malden fifty nine votes (59)
" Benjamin Woodward of Somerville thirty nine votes (39)

Town Affairs

Article 1st Chose Marcus B Webber Moderator

" 2d Voted to accept of a list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen; the following is the list, Viz!

John T. Boynton
B. F. Birchstead
Nath[l] C. Cutler
Charles H. Clark
Hiram L Dutton
William Farrell
Marshall Fair
Lewis P. Gleason jr
John M. Harrison
Jonas Melvin.
William N. Stearns
Charles L. Waitt
John Wilkins

Voted to adjourn.
A true record. Attest.
William N Stearns Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 15th 1870

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote [illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 15th 1870 Continued

in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the fifteenth day of November inst. at seven o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles relating to Town affairs Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

" 2d By request of M. R. Hayden and others to see if the Town will raise by taxation or otherwise a sum not exceeding five per cent of the valuation of the Town and appropriate the same by subscribing for the stock of the Bedford Rail Road Company or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office and at the Town Hall, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of said meeting

Marcus B. Webber
John L. Boynton
Oliver J Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Nov. 5th 1870

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified.

M. A. Lane Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest

M. A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting November fifteenth, 870

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows,

Article 1st Chose E. T. Tuten Moderator

" 2d Voted to lay this article on the table

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest

W. L. Stearns Town Clerk

Cattle Disease

Bedford Jan. 12th 1871

In consequence of the prevalence of a contagious and dangerous disease among neat cattle, known as Epizootic Aphtha or foot-and mouth disease, the Selectmen, after due consideration, and in virtue of the authority reposed in them by law, (see Chapter 220 of the Acts of 1860), have adopted the following regulations, to remain in force during the continuance of the disease in this region, in order to prevent the spread of a disease which has proved so ruinous abroad, and which would prove a sore calamity if it should break out among the cattle in Bedford,

Regulations

1st No store cattle working oxen or Milch cows shall be driven or transported from Bedford to Brighton, Cambridge, or other marts of the cattle trade, where the foot & mouth disease is supposed to have prevailed; nor driven or transported into

Bedford from Brighton, Cambridge, or other mark as aforesaid; neither shall they be driven or transported through the town of Bedford destined for, or coming from such mart of trade.

2d If the said disease shall make its appearance in any herd of cattle within the town of Bedford the animal so affected shall be at-once separated from the rest of the herd, and the owner or person having the care & custody of said herd, shall forthwith notify the Selectmen; one or more of whom shall without delay visit the premises, and see that the diseased animal is so removed from the rest of the herd, and from all other neat-cattle as to prevent the spread of the disease; and that all known expedients be used to cleanse the premises where the diseased animal has been kept; for the safety of the rest of the herd.

3d In case any person shall wilfully neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of law relative to this subject, or with the regulations of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among cattle, or with these regulations, or shall offer for sale any animal known to be affected by the disease, or shall offer for sale the milk of any cow known to be so diseased, or the meat of any such diseased animal — it is expected that all persons having knowledge of such cases will at-once give notice to the Selectmen, so that they may take immediate measures to have the laws & regulations enforced, and that the offenders may be made to feel the penalty of the law in such cases made & provided.

4th — These regulations shall be handed to the town clerk, whose duty it is to enter the same upon the town record; and printed copies of the same shall be sent to the principal masts of the Cattle trade and to the adjoining towns & be posted up in conspicuous places in different parts of Bedford, that the people may be appraised of the dangers to which their stock is exposed & that they may use their influence to save the public from the threatened calamity

Marcus B Weblen
John L Boynton
Oliver J Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

N.B. The Commissioners in their circular addressed to the Selectmen say! — "the disease is communicated by the contact of healthy with sick animals, by all inanimate things that have become contaminated, and by yarding healthy cattle on the same land, or driving them on roads previously trodden by those diseased. The cattle yards of Brighton are apprehended contaminated with the virus of the disease & animals driven thence, carry and communicate it wherever they go

A true copy Attest
W. A. Stearns Town Clerk